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Blood drive for Lee family at Kiln VFW

There will be a blood drive at the Kiln VFW Post this Tuesday from 1-7 p.m. for Randa and Patricia Lee, the mother and daughter of Kiln vet Mike Lee who was killed last week in a Texas auto accident. Randa and Patricia are still in the hospital with serious injuries. All blood types are welcome, but especially types O and O-positive. For more information, call Liz Gaulke at 388-8519.

Memorial service set for Frank Oddo

There will be a memorial service today at 11 a.m. at 10115 Tigris St., just off Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Rd. near Hwy. 603. Family and friends are welcome.

Knost Ladies Regatta continues today

The 65th annual Commodore Bernard Knost Ladies Regatta continues today, 9-noon at Pass Christian Yacht Club.

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Tues.	3:42 p.	12:38 p.
Wed.	5:30 a.	2:15 p.
Thurs.	6:07 a.	6:03 p.
Fri.	6:55 a.	6:59 p.
Sat.	7:50 a.	7:53 p.
Sun.	8:48 a.	8:46 p.

Shooting spree puts seven in hospital

Suspect in custody; police
say incident began as fight

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Gun shots rang out in the wee hours of Thursday morning only one block from the Bay St. Louis Police Department, sending seven with gunshot wounds to Hancock Medical Center, according to Police Chief Frank McNeal.

"Around 12:40 a.m. the police department was contacted about a fight in progress on Shieldsboro Street in the Bay Pines public housing between two males over a girl friend who was visiting there. While the call was being taken, the complainant state the situation had escalated to shots being fired," McNeal added.

"Lonnie Michael Bradley, 25, St. George St., Bay St. Louis and Durso Singleton, 25, Espana Park, Waveland,

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Diamondhead man robbed at knife point

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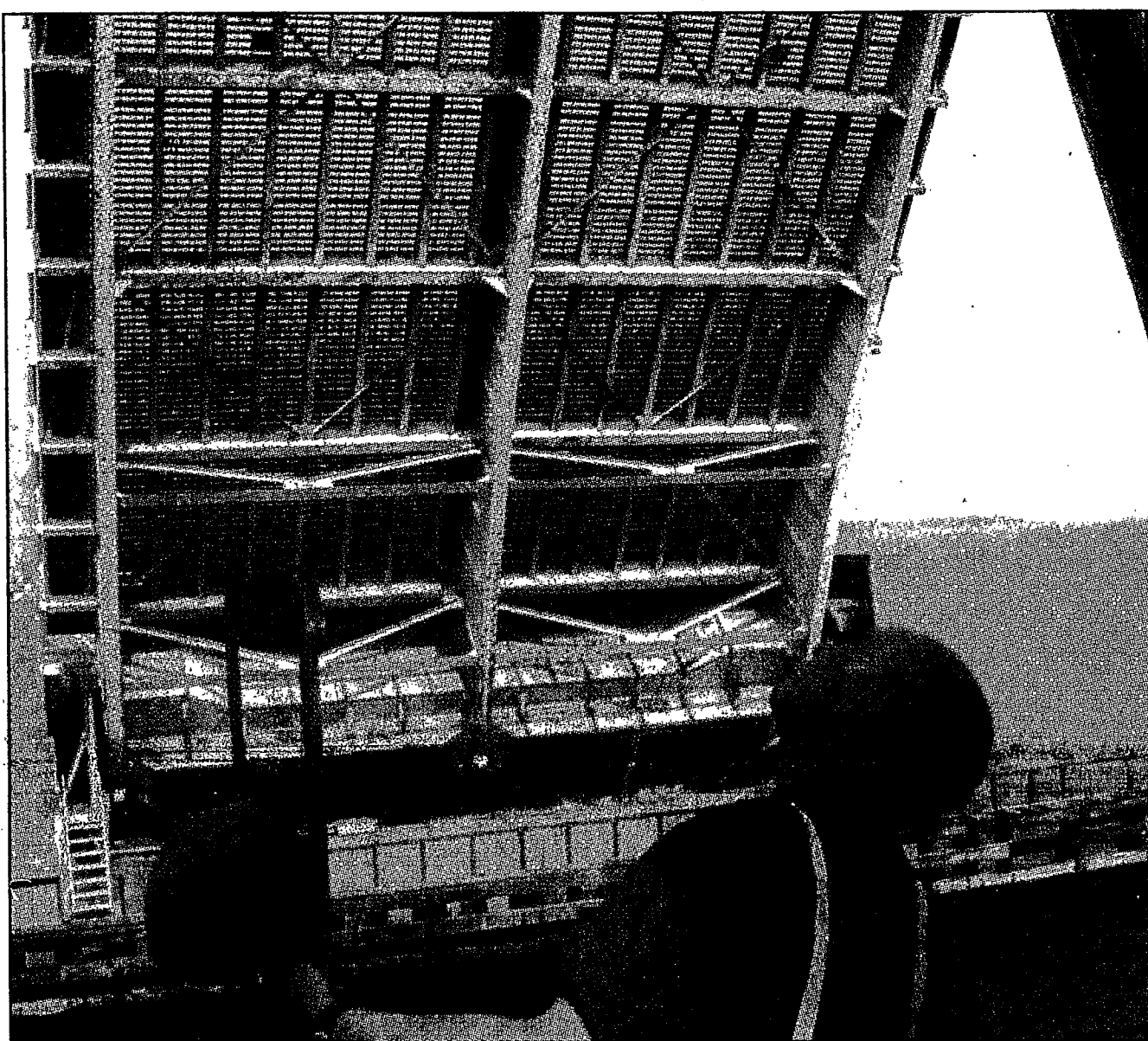
BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Authorities are seeking your help in finding an unknown suspect accused of robbing a Diamondhead man at knife-point Thursday evening.

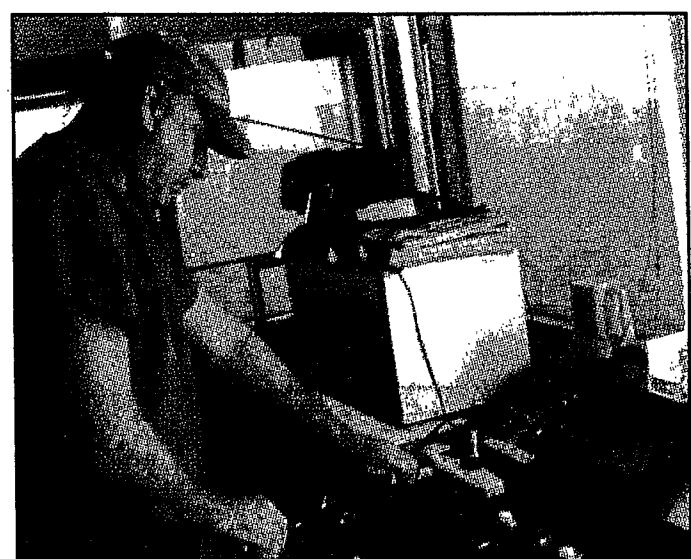
Criminal Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson, of the

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Under the bridge



Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher
A Mississippi Department of Transportation employee on Thursday takes a look at the underside of the Bay St. Louis Bridge as the drawbridge is raised. Employees from MDOT and the Metairie-based URS Corp. spent much of Thursday testing the drawbridge as part of routine annual maintenance.



Bay St. Louis Bridge-operator Kenny Burlette works from the control booth to raise the drawbridge and let a shrimp boat through.



MDOT and URS employees block one lane of traffic Thursday to examine the top side of the drawbridge in its closed position.

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Proud pet owners showed off cats, dogs, and turtles at the Hancock County Livestock Show/Fair Pet show on Thursday at the fair grounds. Dogs were judged in various categories such as size, length of tail, and best trick.

Candidates quickly filing for Waveland elections

Three hats already in
the ring for mayor

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

And they're off ... Just a few days into the qualifying period, and already, six people had thrown their hats into the ring for Waveland city offices as of late Friday afternoon.

Candidate qualifying began with the Board of Aldermen's meeting on Aug. 6, and will run through Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

Incumbent Mayor Tommy

Longo cast his bid for a second term, and is already facing two challengers: Current Ward 3 Alderman Louie Smolensky, and Waveland-resident Bill Laprime.

Ward 2 Alderman Ricky Geoffrey also filed for re-election last week, and is being challenged by Benny Richardson; and Santo Saucier filed for the Ward 4 alderman's seat.

The city's primary election has been scheduled for Nov. 5, with a runoff set for Nov. 19 and the general election on Dec. 3.

The voter registration deadline

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Citizen of the Month



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
The Waveland Board of Alderman last week named Lemuel Jones as the city's Citizen of the Month, due to his efforts to clean up the beach front. Pictured are Jones, right; his wife Mary; and Alderman Ricky Geoffrey.

Alleged domestic violence puts girl, boyfriend in hospital

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Two Waveland residents involved in domestic violence around midnight Sunday ended up in Hancock Medical Center's emergency room for treatment, and both were charged with aggravated assault under the domestic violence law, Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell reports.

"We received a 911 call Sunday at 11:59 p.m. from Oak Park Apartments concerning a shooting. Upon officers' arrival they found a female lying on the ground with a gunshot to the right upper chest.

"A description of the suspect was given by witnesses, and this was relayed to local

police and the sheriff's office," Varnell's release said.

The chief continued, "A short time later, Bay St. Louis Police advised they had the vehicle in sight, at which time the vehicle turned into Hancock Medical Center. Further information revealed that it was a domestic disturbance between a boyfriend and girlfriend.

"Arrested and charged was Otto Singleton, 36, who was bonded and released from the Waveland Police Department. Kathy D. Keppart, 29, will be booked and released on bond from the Waveland Police Department after her release from Hancock Medical Center, scheduled

Monday morning," Varnell said.

Both were charged with aggravated assault under the domestic violence law, and Waveland Investigator James Goss is in charge of the case, Varnell said.

Initial investigation revealed Keppart allegedly assaulted the male with a wooden walking stick, and that Singleton allegedly in turn shot her one time with a (22 magnum) derringer.

The round that was in the weapon was "rat shot." She was transported to Hancock Medical by American Medical Response. "The male was released from HMC after receiving stitches in his forehead," Varnell's report stated.

NTF agents nab one with crack cocaine in traffic stop

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

On Wednesday, Bay St. Louis-Waveland Narcotics Task Force Agents Brett Ladner and Ian Estorffe made a traffic stop around 2:45 p.m., and arrested a Waveland resident for possession of crack cocaine.

"Arrested was Jodie Rene Brignac, 31 of Waveland and she was charged with one county possession of a controlled substance, crack cocaine, disorderly conduct,

reckless driving and failure to yield to blue lights and siren," Police Chief Jimmy Varnell said in a news release.

Varnell continued, "Agents observed the vehicle run the stop sign at Waveland and Central Avenues.

"The driver would not stop for blue lights and siren and pulled into a driveway on Farrar Street. As agents were attempting the traffic stop, the driver of

the vehicle threw out what appeared to be illegal narcotics. After making a stop of the vehicle, agents returned to where they observed the driver throw something out of the vehicle and located three rocks of crack cocaine."

Bond was set at \$6,400 for Brignac, and she was transported to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility. Her initial court date has been set for September 5, Varnell added.

Grace period set for sewer hook-up; deadline approaching

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Bay Park Apartments, which are going in on Longfellow Rd. will have to pay Hancock County Sewer and Water an impact fee for the improvements that must be made in the sewer system to accommodate service needs at the apartments. How much that fee will be was a topic of discussion at last week's board meeting.

Another apartment complex, the Waverly, was built during the construction of an ongoing sewer project, so accommodations were made for their presence in the system. Upgrades for the Bay Park Apartments will require at the very least an addition of a new six-inch line to connect the site to the Arnold Street lift sta-

tion.

If done in-house, the improvement has an estimated cost of about \$12,000, director Eddie Renz said. Upgrades to other lines and lift stations may also have to be performed to accommodate the added flow as they come on-line, engineers said.

Board members said they will come up with a written estimate of the costs to the district.

There is still time to hook up to the recently completed sewer phase. Residents who have not hooked up may do so during a grace period which will end on August 31. During the grace period, director Eddie Renz said, people may come in and pay the \$35 hookup fee and make arrangements for payment of back monthly fees.

After the grace period residents will have to pay the full price of a new system, \$2,640, which is charged to homes built after the system was in place.

Renz also wanted to remind residents on the newly-finished water line that they have until October 1 to hook up to the water system.

For other information on the deadlines or hooking up to sewer or water call the district office at 467-6208.

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Bay-Wave agents arrest two for cocaine

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Two Bay St. Louis residents were arrested August 7 and charged with possession of cocaine by the Bay St. Louis-Waveland

Narcotics Task Force, according to Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell.

Varnell said, "Officers made a traffic stop at approximately 8:30 p.m. at Avenue B and Gulf Street, and located in the vehicle was a dollar bill rolled up containing a white powder substance that tested to be cocaine."

Arrested were Troy Damon Simpson, 38, and John Mortensen Sherman, 47, both of Bay St. Louis.

Simpson was charged with one count possession of a controlled substance and driving while license suspended. His bond was \$5,500 under implied consent.

Sherman was charged with possession of a controlled substance with a bond of \$5,000, Varnell's release said.

Both are scheduled for a Hancock County Justice Court appearance Sept. 12, with Bay-Waveland Agent Ian Estorffe in charge of the investigation, Varnell said.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Aug. 2 through Aug. 9. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Joey A. Clements, 40, contempt of court
- Jeffrey Stanley, 20, contempt of court times three, failure to appear
- Denise Bernard, 39, DUI (1st), reckless driving
- Harry Treadaway, 46, DUI (2nd), careless driving
- Jayson Moody, 27, suspended driver's license, no insurance, switched tag, careless driving
- Emanuel R. Antoine, 31, contempt of court, failure to pay
- Terry L. Warren, 53, DUI (1st), no driver's license
- Leonard Marshall, 62, DUI (1st), expired sticker
- Barbara Breland, 42, DUI (2nd), no insurance, refused test
- John S. Moise, 45, DUI (1st)
- Ernesto Rojas, 41, simple assault (domestic)
- Bruce Shook, 50, DUI, no insurance, expired tag, careless driving
- Glenroy Marks, 31, simple assault (domestic), disorderly conduct
- Frank Mathews, 43, no driver's license, no insurance, improper equipment, false information
- Jonathan Sheldon Wilson, 19, public drunk
- Joe Aaron McCorkel, 54, DUI (1st), no seatbelt, careless driving, suspended driver's license
- Jerry L. Fedele, 46, improper equipment, possession of paraphernalia, DUI (2nd), reckless driving, no insurance, no seatbelt
- Prather J. Fitch, 40, simple assault (domestic)
- Shamala R. Dufrene, 37, simple assault (domestic)
- Shalaya D. Page, 19, simple assault (domestic)
- Aaron M. Webb, 20, simple assault (domestic)
- Rebecca A. Steno, 18, no insurance, driving without driver's license
- Richard A. Shamblin, 25, suspended driver's license, no seatbelt
- Harold Ladner, 41, suspended driver's license
- Perry C. Fiegel, 45, suspended driver's license
- Gerald Kicklighter, 18, suspended driver's license
- Paul Lappe, 44, simple assault (domestic)
- Janice Goff, 46, DUI, careless driving, refused test
- Jerry D. Garth, 33, possession of stolen property, suspended driver's license, cultivation of marijuana
- Clinton Brown, 24, DUI, speeding
- Darron Kirkwood, 20, DUI, speeding
- Gregorio Nicacio Torres, 26, DUI, no driver's license, no insurance, careless driving
- Kenya Kenyatta Jarreau, 27, suspended driver's license, disorderly conduct, improper equipment, no insurance
- Teleforo Lopez, 28, possession of false identification
- Roger Phillip Giveans, 19, public drunk
- Derinda Moore, 36, careless driving, no driver's license, DUI
- Kenneth H. King, 22, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Robert E. West, 33, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Kenny Knight, 24, hold for Pearl River Sheriff's Office
- Nicasio Torres, 26, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Telesforo Lopez, 18, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Nolan Edward Gray III, 21, armed robbery, no insurance, suspended driver's license
- Michael J. Alford, 41, public drunk
- Linwood Rutherford, speeding times two, no insurance, no seatbelt
- Jose Jesus Puente, 23, simple possession of marijuana
- John Patrick Lagrone, 24, improper passing, following too close, careless driving, simple possession of marijuana while operating
- Billy Wayne Ortego, 32, simple assault (domestic)
- Cory Sciambra, 19, probation violation
- Tyree R. Haynes, 22, burglary of dwelling, probation violation
- Trellis T. Spencer, 33, simple assault (domestic)
- Pedro Perez, 23, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Candelario L. Montes, 31, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Gladis Rivera, 25, hold for United States Border Patrol
- William K. Tenhet, 43, sale of hydrocodone, sale of methadone
- Brandon Kimble, 20, DUI (felony)
- Robert S. Phelps, 49, shot livestock
- Marvin Schwartz, 40, suspended driver's license, DUI (1st)
- Robert Kenton Marsh, 37, improper equipment, DUI (1st)
- Paul U. Patin, 27, aggravated assault (domestic)
- Jodie R. Brignac, 31, reckless driving, failure to yield to blue lights, disorderly conduct, failure to obey, possession of paraphernalia and controlled substance
- Shawn Anderson, 27, mittimus 75 days to serve
- Troy Damon Simpson, 38, possession of controlled substance, suspended driver's license
- John Mortenson Sherman, 47, possession of controlled substance
- Joseph R. Dedeaux, 19, DUI (1st), reckless driving
- Patricia M. Garside, 37, disorderly conduct, public drunk
- Janice M. Cacho, 50, careless driving, DUI
- Durso Armando Singleton, 25, seven counts of aggravated assault
- Lonnie Michael Bradley II, 24, seven counts of aggravated assault, possession of firearm by felon
- Brian Bennett, 40, two counts of simple assault
- Joseph G. Williams, 26, two counts contempt of court, failure to appear
- Raud Rodriguez, 24, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Fernando Gurrola, 49, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Ruben Gallegos, 35, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Juan Villarreal, 39, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Kathyleen Breal, 54, disorderly conduct
- Michael Self, 28, disturbance of family, contempt of court
- Jay A. Kelley, 31, disturbance of family (domestic)
- Rebecca Sorrell, 40, simple assault (domestic)
- Jonnifer Dellena, 26, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Otavio Alvarez, 23, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Flavio Viveros, 25, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Eleazar Lopez, 34, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Gilberto Gutierrez, 35, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Armando Torres, 22, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Otilio Lopez, 27, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Miguel Flores, 30, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Tomas Hernandez, 21, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Delfino Juarez, 22, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Joseph Gilbert Williams, 19, trespass less than larceny
- Tina Brown, 30, suspended driver's license, no insurance, no seatbelt, failure to yield to blue lights
- Terry Anthony Owens, 40, contempt of court, probation violation
- Patricia Ann Bourgeois, contempt of court, failure to pay
- Christopher Leitz, 24, simple assault (domestic)
- Thomas W. Seawright, 22, contempt of court, failure to appear, simple assault (domestic)
- Clinton O. Ladner, 22, driving with suspended driver's license
- Kelvin Simmons, 27, speeding, suspended driver's license
- Adam Lawrence Ladner, 24, probation violation
- Lauri Lee Dekle, 30, careless driving, DUI (1st), driving with suspended driver's license, contempt of court
- Adam L. Ladner, 24, driving with suspended driver's license, manufacturing methamphetamine
- Cristobol L. Moreno, 25, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Carlos L. Cruz, 18, hold for United States Border Patrol
- Charles LaFontaine, 19, simple assault

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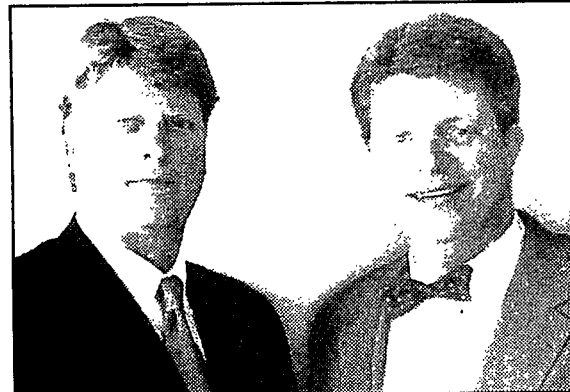
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Juveniles nabbed as burglary suspects; more arrests pending

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Two juveniles were detained by the Hancock County Criminal Investigation Unit in connection with two unrelated burglaries in the county, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Garber said, "On July 31, a 16-year-old juvenile was arrested in connection with a burglary on Road 424 in Kiln. The juvenile was interviewed and also confessed to two burglaries in Harrison County to Deputy Matt Barnett, the investigator handling the case, "The burglary in Kiln occurred around July 16, which was at the residence

which had pipe bombs in," Garber's report said. Citizens in the community tremendously helped in solving this case, Garber added.

Also assisting in the case was Investigator John Luther and Deputies Lamar Jones, Tom Roan and Tina Ladner.

On August 6, a male juvenile was arrested in connection with a burglary of a Fenton-Dedeaux Road residence which occurred on February 26.

Investigator André Fizer and Deputy Matt Barnett worked the case and were assisted by Deputy Tina Ladner.

Deputies are still trying

to locate the stolen property and are expecting more arrests will be made soon in the case, Garber added.

In another matter, on August 2, Deputy Matt Barnett assisted the Rankin County Sheriff's Department with the recovery of a large amount of stolen property from that county.

The property was recovered from the Jourdan River area and included construction equipment, a boat motor, a utility trailer, a commercial ice machine and other tools.



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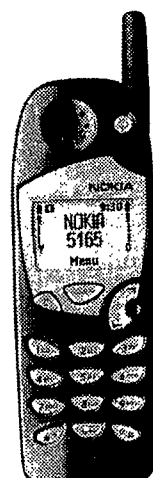
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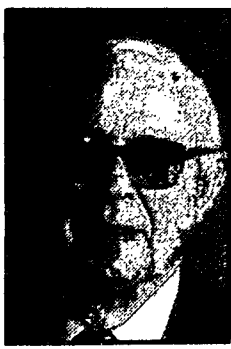
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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis 'Scoop' C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Back-to-school time: Motorists need to slow down for the kids

The ringing of school bells can be heard in the halls of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland schools, Hancock County School District, and Our Lady Academy, while others are to follow within a week.

This means lots of students will be on their way to school in the mornings and returning home in the evenings.

All motorists must be aware of the many school zones throughout our area.

One must also remember that we are not to pass a school bus loading or letting off students.

We need to protect the well-being of our youngsters as they are our community leaders of tomorrow.

It is hoped that all students will have a great and safe school year.

It is not too often that Hancock County sees the dedication of \$62 million in facilities all on one day, but this happened this past Monday.

And all of this happened at the John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County.

The morning began with the \$26 million state-of-the-art facilities of the Naval Small Craft Instructional and Technical and Special Boat Unit 22, followed by the \$30 million Lockheed Martin Mississippi Space and Technology Center and \$6.5 million expansion of the Naval Oceanographic Office's Warfighting Support Center.

On hand for the day were U.S. Senator Trent Lott, Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, and NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe. And there were lots of Lockheed Martin and Navy folks on hand from far-away places.

Partners in Stennis members from across the Coast and St. Tammany Parish, elected leaders from the area, as well as the thousands who are employed at the space center joined in the big celebrations.

The new facilities mean more jobs, and our economic growth continues.

It was good to see NASA's Roy Estess, even though I did not have an opportunity to speak to him. He will take a very much deserved retirement at the end of this month.

All indications are that the space center will be in good hands when Center Operations and Support Director Bill Parsons will become director on August 25.

A nuclear solution Mississippi can live with

President George W. Bush has signed a bill which opens the door to disposing our nation's nuclear waste at a single, secure site in Nevada.

This action will finally allow states like Mississippi to move nuclear waste from temporary storage facilities in the states themselves to a desolate, central location where the waste cannot pose a threat to the environment or to people.

The plan to store used nuclear fuel deep in desolate Yucca Mountain is overdue, and it should be executed as soon as possible.

Volumes of research and testing has been performed on this site to ensure its integrity. Exhaustive studies have also been conducted regarding safe ways to transport the waste from the various states to Yucca Mountain.

The only thing needed now is for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to act, and approve this plan to store nuclear waste in a facility that will be safe and secure for thousands of years.

Nuclear power is a clean source of energy, and it is bound to remain part of our energy mix for a long time. Nuclear power plants do not emit harmful emissions, and nuclear power generation facilities have a very safe, clean record.

Therefore, nuclear power is bound to become much more important as demand for clean, emissions-free energy generation grows.

The only drawback to nuclear power has been the question of where to permanently store spent nuclear fuel. The plan to bury nuclear waste deep in the heart of Yucca Mountain answers this question.

Right now Mississippi's Port Gibson nuclear power plant, and similar nuclear facilities around the country, is storing nuclear waste on location, in a temporary facility that will soon reach capacity.

This is safe, but again only a temporary measure, never meant to be permanent. Storing nuclear waste on the plant site cannot and should not be sustained forever, and this plan is the next step.

For too long a vocal minority of folks who oppose all forms of energy, including nuclear energy, have blocked the Nevada disposal plan.

For years, we have heard their protests, yet they offer no viable alternative to the

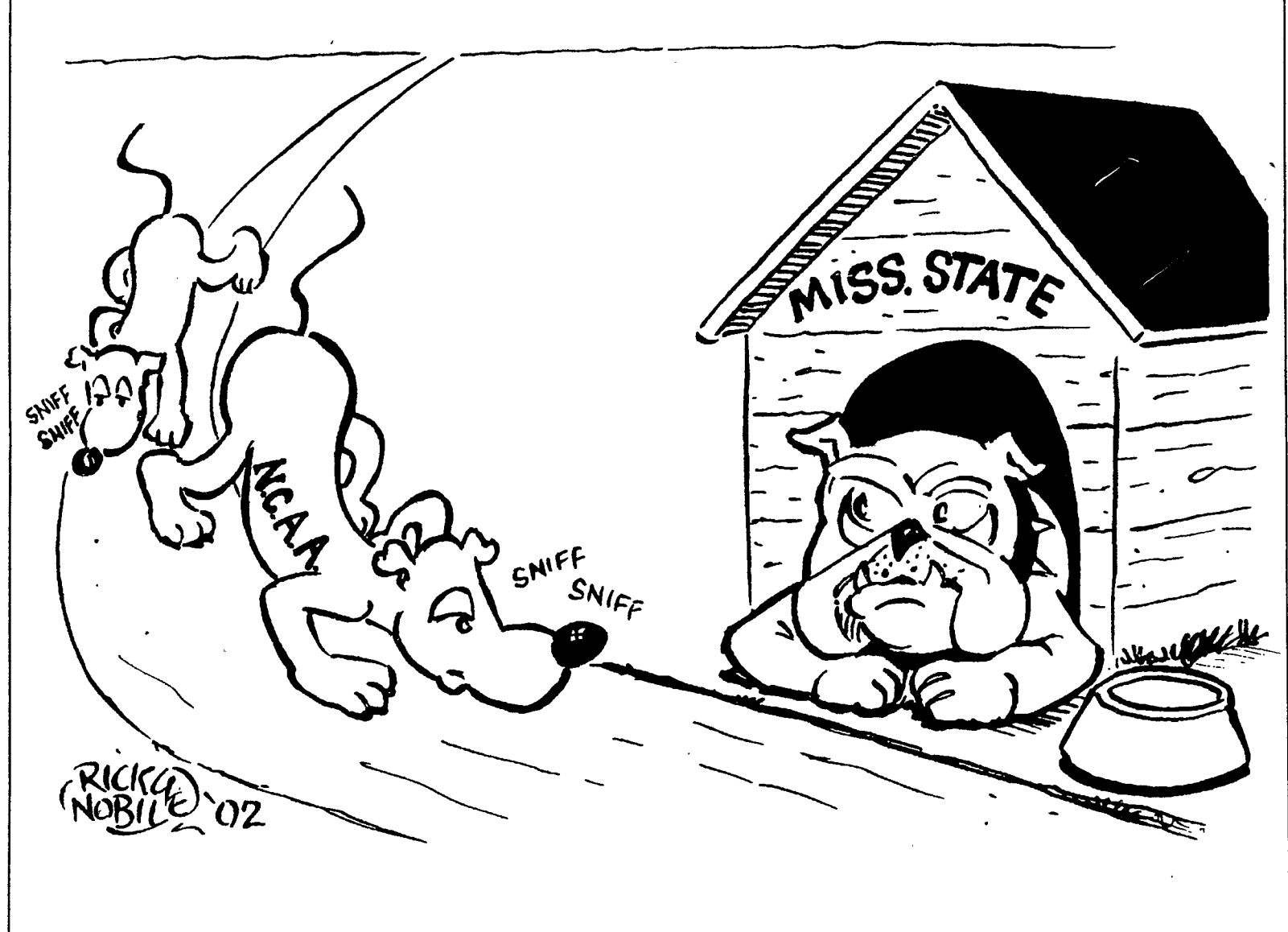
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From the Senate

By U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

WHO...WHO...WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?



'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

With those words, Charles Dickens opened his classic novel, "A Tale of Two Cities."

Those same words can be used today to describe the state of education in Mississippi.

Our children return to their classrooms next week, but our work to improve the learning in those classrooms isn't slowing down. There are still challenges to face and overcome.

The national recession is affecting every state in the nation, and having a profound impact on their ability to invest in education.

The issue of crafting a budget built on real numbers and real priorities is still with us. We cannot hope to fully meet the needs and the expectations of Mississippi's children until this issue is resolved.

But, in many ways, these are the "best of times" for education in Mississippi, and here's why:

We've passed historic legislation to raise teacher pay, legislation that when fully implemented will lift the average salary in our state from 49th to 19th in the nation. We are going to pay our teachers as the professionals they are.

The "Computers in the Classroom" initiative is going full steam ahead. By the end of this year, we will have an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom in the state. Through our partnership with the Maddox Foundation and the Public Education Forum of the Mississippi Economic Council, students across the state will have equal access to the research and learning opportunities of the Internet.

Another strong partner in the effort to place the computers is ExplorNet, and they are helping us access the technological skills and talents of our own young people. This year,

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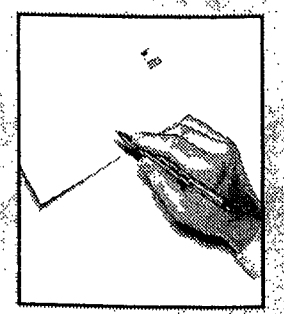
From the Governor

By Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

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'Tree' strikes and you're out

What is the "story" with these headlines? I cringe as I anticipate each new front page: "Tens of Endearment," "Time Marshes On," and the straw that broke the camels back, "Trees a Crowd."

This overreaching for puns leads to headlines that

have little to do with the story, and in the case of this type of humor, a little bit goes a long way.

I truly wish the punster among us would show a little restraint.

No kidding,
Nancy Miner
Bay St. Louis

Technicalities

BY STATE AUDITOR
PHIL BRYANT

GENERAL
Q Where can information be found regarding mileage reimbursement rates, meals, lodging and other

travel information for official government business?

A Travel information may be found at the Department of Finance and Administration website, www.dfa.state.ms.us or by telephone at (601) 359-2073.

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Lott -- Just say 'yes'

Yucca Mountain plan, or to nuclear power.

They don't want to use coal because of emissions. They don't like using gasoline or diesel power, again because of emissions. They oppose nuclear power too, even though it is very clean and emits no emissions.

We all agree that solar and wind power shows promise, but it will take a long time before these forms of power can generate the amount of energy we all need.

So, those opposed to nuclear power -- and the Yucca Mountain plan -- have picked the transport of nuclear material as their latest cause de jour. Now that the Yucca Mountain

plan is on the verge of being carried out, expect their protests to center on irrational fears about the waste being spilled in transit from the various states to Yucca Mountain. However, for your information, let me share some facts with you.

Since 1964, the United States has safely transported nuclear material for literally millions of miles, all with no incident. To transport the nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain, super-strong shipping containers will be used.

These containers' specifications far exceed regulatory requirements. They have been loaded onto a truck and crashed at 60 mph, and then at 80 mph into a 700-

ton concrete wall.

They have been broad-sided by a locomotive traveling at 80 mph. Another test involved dropping these containers 30-feet onto reinforced concrete, the equivalent of a 120 mph impact.

They have even been dropped onto a 6-inch diameter spike, and burned in a pool of jet fuel for 90 minutes at a temperature of more than 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Even after all this, the used fuel containers remained intact. Clearly the risk of an accident in transporting this nuclear material is minimal.

I am glad that a bipartisan majority in Congress has finally approved this long-awaited plan to store

our nation's nuclear waste in a single, central place deep in a desolate mountain.

President Bush did a great service to states like Mississippi by signing legislation that will allow nuclear waste to be transferred out of temporary storage facilities that are nearing capacity.

Moreover, our nation can look forward to a clean, emissions-free nuclear power source for years to come. This will help America become more energy independent and less beholden to unpredictable Middle-Eastern nations for energy.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments

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about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)



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more than 100 students across the state are building almost 6,000 computers for our classrooms.

The commitment of these students to the generations to come is admirable, and demonstrates a unique understanding of the needs of education in the 21st century.

Test scores in our elementary and secondary schools this year were up

dramatically over last year. This is strong evidence we've been doing something right, and our teachers and administrators should be thanked for their good work.

The test scores were remarkable, given where we've been; but I know we have always had a shared confidence in our children and the God-given talents within each of them.

A Princeton Review report ranking the states based on their testing programs for schools was released in June, and the report shows a new Mississippi.

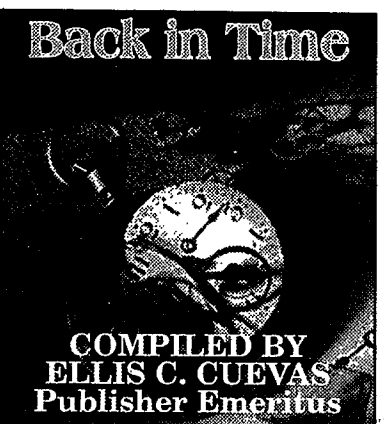
We ranked sixth in the nation for the quality of our testing programs. The top ten ranking is a far cry from where we've been and a strong indicator of the potential for where we can

go.

We've chosen a path in education that's covered with challenges and surrounded by opportunities. How we walk that path and use our resources will determine our success for generations to come.

But, in these "best of times, worst of times," our work is paying off.

1952 -- Poll lists Bay sewer system top priority



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TEN YEARS AGO

July 30, 1992 -- Bayou Caddy Casino is back on target toward obtaining its gaming license. Former State Gaming Commission director Royal Walker said some months ago that the company had asked that its gaming application be put on hold. Now however, company president George Baxter says most of the permits are on hand and the company plans to start the process of obtaining the license next month.

The Board of Supervisors announced its intention Tuesday of becoming a member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Planning and Development Agency (MGCPDA).

The board passes a resolution authorizing the formation of the coastal planning agency and calling for the transfer of Hancock County related functions and obligations of the South Mississippi Planning and Development District and the Gulf Regional Planning Council to the new organization, providing the federal

Economic Development Administration approved the new agency.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 29, 1982 -- A Riemann Funeral Home car, stolen during a funeral at Riemann Chapel in Long Beach last Thursday, was found abandoned in Waveland Saturday.

The four-door 1982 Cadillac was not damaged, and no one has been arrested in connection with the theft, said Investigator Ron Schauer of the Long Beach Police Department.

County Chamber group tours county. (Photo displays). Hancock County Agent John Smith, tells group making Farm-City Tour how peanuts are grown by B.L. Dossett in Catahoula Community.

Cows are run through air-operated chute instead of being roped to be given shots and branded at the Enshallah Ranch owned by Ladner Farms of Hancock County. Bill Whitfield, owner of Whitfield Lumber Company, Kiln, discuss procedures used today in the various trees grown in Hancock County.

Dairy farm owner Ardell Stockstill explains his dairy farm operations. Persons making the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Farm-City Tour, co-sponsored by the Hancock County Farm Bureau and Cooperative Extension Service check a fire tower as Ran Reidrick,

area forester explains his operation in the county.

Melaine Mitchell, chamber secretary, enjoys some cold watermelon grown at the Ladner's Farms.

Harry Paterson, Hancock County Soil Conservation agent, goes over procedure for milking cows the modern way at the Ardell Stockstill and Son Dairy Farm in north Hancock County. Bill Whitfield was chairman of the chamber's Farm City Tour.

FORTY YEARS AGO

July 26, 1962 -- An advanced detachment of the 134th Transportation Co. stationed at Fort Chaffee, Ark. is due at the National Guard Armory on Washington Road about 9 a.m. today bringing vehicles back in preparation for the unit's release from active duty next month.

Capt. J. K. Renfro, assistant S3 with the Guard offices at Biloxi, told the Echo yesterday the plan is to return 50 vehicles to Mississippi which have been used at Chaffee since the Guard was called up last fall in the face of Communist threat to Berlin. About 10 vehicles will come to the Bay Armory and the rest to Ocean Springs.

Some 60 men are involved in the mission with Lt. Charles Bouis, Jr. in charge of those coming here. The 134th is slated to be relieved of active duty on August 9.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

AUGUST 1, 1952 -- A municipal sewer system has been popularly chosen as number one project in a recent citizens' poll conducted by the Chamber of Commerce through the local newspapers. (Sea Coast Echo and Hancock County Eagle).

This was announced Wednesday morning by the Advance-Planning Committee of the Chamber of Commerce after all ballots had been tabulated.

Homer Gregory, president of the Chamber of Commerce stated that he would immediately appoint a committee to work with the city council to push this project through to its final accomplishment.

Second most popular project selected by the citizens in this poll were a new modern and well-equipped library.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

July 31, 1942 -- Motorists observing Dimout regulations, very few arrests made. Dimout regulations have been put into effect in Hancock County, and from general observations, the people are responding very well. The law enforcement officers of the County, City of Bay St. Louis and the Town of Waveland, were assisted for three nights by detachments of Military Police from the Gulfport Air Field. Very few arrests were made in this area.

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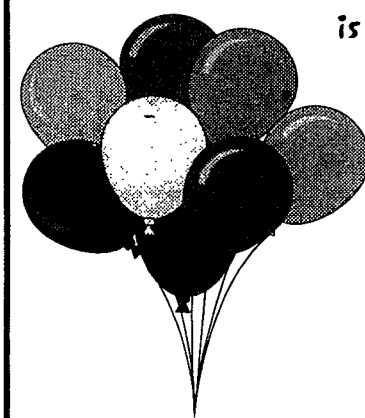
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Rocketman: NASA's Barry Robinson is living his dream

THE SEA COAST ECHO

He was a fan of the Apollo program. He watched the early launches on a black-and-white television in a Louisiana classroom.

The images of men walking on the Moon mixed well with images from the science fiction novels he read.

He dreamed often of space. Barry Robinson never doubted that one day he would work for NASA. He just never imagined it would be in Mississippi.

"I talked with a lot of people about careers in engineering and in aerospace while I was in school," said Robinson, a mechanical engineering major at Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge. "My plan was to take a job with an industry contractor and after a few years migrate to a position with NASA."

In 1988, near the end of his senior year at A&M, Robinson was invited to interview with the aerospace industry contractor. The series of interviews led him to NASA's Stennis Space Center.

"I was shocked to learn there was a NASA facility in Mississippi," Robinson said. "Although I had seen the signs along Interstate 10, it never registered with me that this was really a NASA center. I took one look at the Space Shuttle Main Engine and accepted the job on the spot."

Phase one of his plan was under way.

Robinson joined the Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International at Stennis — a primary contractor for NASA responsible for the testing program



Photo courtesy of NASA
NASA's Barry Robinson is the Mechanical Test Operations Branch chief, Operations Division, at the John C. Stennis Space Center's Propulsion Test Directorate.

of the Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) — as a test operations engineer.

"When they told me I would be responsible for knowing everything there was to know about these facilities and the SSME, I thought to myself, 'Who are they kidding?'" Robinson said.

"If the engine itself weren't intimidating enough for a new engineer, I was overwhelmed with a sense of personal responsibility for making sure it was

safe for flight into space. I was living out a dream. I didn't want to mess this up."

Fortunately, Robinson said, Rocketdyne didn't leave him on his own to figure things out. His training was placed in the hands of seasoned engineers.

"There was probably a good 20- to 25-year difference in the ages of the guys on the job and the newest of the new hires," Robinson said.

"I had a true sense of

being mentored. These guys were handing down their knowledge and their experience. They wanted us to know what they had learned. Suddenly, I understood that my real responsibility was to learn as much as I could. With that, I got my feet under me. I knew I could do this. I had always been a good student."

Robinson set out to learn every aspect of test operations. "I was hungry for knowledge and for experience," Robinson said. "I wanted to know what happened before, during and after an engine got to Stennis. It was important for me to know the process."

Knowledge of the process led Robinson to become one of the first black test conductors at Stennis and later among even fewer engine systems engineers with "test conductor" as a part of their resume.

Phase two of his plan unfolded in 1994. He joined NASA as an aerospace technician in mechanical experimental equipment.

"When you think of Barry Robinson, you think of a test guy," said NASA's Robert Lightfoot, director of the Propulsion Test Directorate (PTD) at Stennis. "Barry has a real understanding of the value of a disciplined approach to running a test facility. That understanding is tempered with the common sense required to get the project smoothly to test."

Lightfoot said a good example of the assets Robinson brings to the table can be seen in his work on the MC-1 project, formerly known as the Low Cost

Technologies Engine Program.

"The project was struggling when Barry was moved into the program," Lightfoot said.

"It was behind schedule and suffering from technical issues. The team was working as hard as they possibly could but lacked the focus that an experienced test guy can give. We put Barry out there, and the team jelled almost instantly."

The team was honored with the Interorganizational Group Award in 1999 and a Group Achievement Award in August 2000.

The program received the NASA Turning Goals Into Reality Award for the Fastrac Engine Product Development Team in September that same year.

Robinson's success with the MC-1 project at Stennis led him to work nearly a year in the Stennis Project Office at the Rocket-dyne facilities in Santa Susana, Calif., when the program moved into what became its final testing stages. Here, he served as the test operations consultant.

Robinson recently served as chair of the Operational Readiness Inspection Committee for return of the

A-1 test stand to SSME testing.

He serves as co-chair of the Stennis Training and Certification Board and has assisted in rewriting the PTD operational instructions, and in defining and implementing the Operations Division training plan.

Now, Robinson says he is beginning to see himself as one of those "old" guys whose job is to pass down knowledge. As chief of the Mechanical Test Operations Branch in the Operations Division of the Propulsion Test Directorate, he mentors and implements operational policies and processes for component and rocket engine testing.

"I am responsible for overseeing 16 mechanical engineers as they are moved around to the various test facilities for responsibilities including conducting hot-fire tests," said Robinson.

"It is my job to see that they comply with site standards and directorate objectives. I want to make sure they get the training and educational opportunities needed to improve their job performances. It is my job to give back what I have been given."

Mosquito control workshops set for officials

the sea coast echo
Mississippi State Department of Health and the Mosquito and Vector Control Association will sponsor at least two more mosquito control workshops for elected officials and public workers.

The August 20 event in Starkville aims to help mayors and aldermen, county supervisors, and other public elected officials and workers to know best methods to control mosquitoes.

All efforts aim to control the spread of mosquito-borne viruses in Mississippi, particularly West Nile Virus (WNV).

The first workshops for elected city, county, and state officials in Jackson August 2 drew about 100 participants.

"The workshops are intended to provide training and technical assistance for public officials and workers responsible for mosquito control," emphasized State Health Officer Dr. Ed Thompson.

"Public health is the first line of defense to prevent disease outbreaks. So we've designed these sessions to teach local officials how to take the public health steps to prevent West Nile infections in their communities."

"We've identified the infection in birds, mosquitoes, horses, and humans —

People and horses get WN virus only through the bite of an infected mosquito. Contact with an infected bird, horse, or human does not result in infection.

and we will report more human cases," the State Health Officer predicted.

"The number of cases will reflect how well people protect themselves and how well communities protect their citizens with effective mosquito control programs."

Individual people can protect themselves and their homes, he said. People should avoid mosquitoes when the insects most actively look for blood meals — at dawn and dusk.

They should use mosquito repellent with DEET (10 to 35 percent for adults and lower concentrations of 10 percent or less for children); and wear long-sleeved, long-legged clothing whenever outdoors.

Homeowners should practice active mosquito control on their property, he said. Steps to take include:

- Reduce the source — the most effective and economical method toward long-term mosquito control.
- Empty plants and containers of stagnant water.
- Properly dispose of used tires.
- Clean rain gutters, bird

baths, and swimming pools.

- Eliminate pools of standing stagnant water, especially with organic debris.
- Repair damaged or torn window and door screens.
- Remove outdoor pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
- Flush livestock water troughs twice a week.
- Close garbage can lids.

Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.

- Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.

People and horses get WN virus only through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Contact with an infected bird, horse, or human does not result in infection.

Most WN encephalitis infections are without symptoms. Sometimes, a person will have fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with skin rash and swollen lymph glands.

Rarely, severe infection might be marked by

headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis.

Dr. Thompson said the Health Department needs people to continue to call in dead bird reports statewide but needs no more birds far testing from Bolivar, Coahoma, Hinds, Lincoln, Pike, Rankin, and Washington Counties.

People in other counties should continue to submit blue jays and crows for testing and to report all species of dead birds. Dead bird reports and submissions enable the public health agency to track WNV.

The Mississippi State Department of Health remains on the lookout for WN virus and other arboviruses that mosquitoes can transmit to humans, including St. Louis encephalitis (SLE), LaCrosse encephalitis (LAC), and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE).

The Department regularly tests mosquitoes, live and dead birds, humans, and horses. The State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Board of Animal Health, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, USDA, and Public Health Laboratory cooperate in the statewide surveillance system.

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If the caller is in need of immediate attention, they are directed to the emergency room.

Additionally the caller can call the Office of Public Health & Infectious Disease at 1-800-236-2749 for addi-

tional information.

State and local agencies are continuing their collaborative efforts to carefully monitor for West Nile virus to ensure the public's health and safety. The public can help by educating themselves on West Nile virus.

The hot-line number for Slidell Memorial Hospital West Nile virus is 985-649-9818. You may also go via internet to www.slidellmemorial.org. Click on the CDC icon for more information on the West Nile virus.

The number of human cases of West Nile virus disease has continued to rise in

St. Tammany Parish. West Nile virus is carried by birds and is then transferred by mosquitoes to humans. In most cases, symptoms are mild or absent, but in some cases, the virus can cause encephalitis.

Slidell Memorial Hospital is a 182-bed full service, acute care, not-for-

profit community hospital, which is located at 1001 Gause Blvd. in Slidell.

Slidell Memorial Hospital is a primary healthcare resource for families in eastern St. Tammany Parish; Pearl River County; and the greater Mississippi Gulf Coast region.

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were arrested on seven counts of aggravated assault within 30 minutes of the shooting," McNeal added.

Police said that Singleton fired the shots from a gun brought to Bay Pines Homes by Bradley.

Victims of the shooting were taken to Hancock Medical Center by American Medical Response and personal vehicles. Injuries ranged from superficial wounds to serious.

McNeal names the following as taken to HMC: April Burton, Laura Ann Palode, and Jason Vincent, all of Bay St. Louis; Kelly Galloway of Waveland; Terrance Tillman of Atlanta Georgia; Jetson Tillman of Bay St. Louis and Ellic Laneaux of Pass Christian.

When officers arrived, they discovered several persons had been shot. The officers were given a description of the vehicle and the vehicle was stopped on Union Street, and Singleton was taken into custody, McNeal reported.

Some 30 minutes later Bradley was taken into custody. Singleton's bond was set at \$100,000, while Bradley had an additional

charge of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, with his bond at \$105,000, McNeal said.

The weapon was recovered from the traffic stop. It is listed as an A.A. Arms Incorporated 9 mm Luger handgun. The weapon is to be turned over to ATF to be checked and processed.

Investigators will also be checking with federal authorities as to other potential charges might be filed, as the events occurred on Federally Subsidized Housing Authority Property.

Bay officers responding to the call included: Sgt. Will Kirby, Cpl. Isreal Neff, Officer Christine Johnson, Officers Matt Sones and Lawsel Flowers. Bay Detectives at the scene were Don Watson, Joe Kepfer and Ernest Taylor.

Responding from the Waveland Police Department were: Sgt. Brent Anderson and Officer Matt Cowand, while Lt. Matt Sekinger and Deputy Lemur Jones of the Hancock County Sheriff's office also assisted.

Bay St. Louis Fire Department Rescue Unit was also at the scene.



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is 30 days prior to the election.

The attorney general recently approved re-districting the city to bring it more in line with 2000 U.S. Census figures, which indicated Alderman Milton Bernard's Ward 1 contained 1,253 men, women and children; Geoffrey's Ward 2 - 1,247; Smolensky's Ward 3 - 1,787; and Alderman Charles Piazza's Ward 4 - 2,273.

That meant that ward lines needed to be moved slightly so that each alder-

man represents approximately 1,699 people.

Longo said that the re-districting means some Waveland residents will be voting in different wards this year, but said voters don't need to come to city hall to switch registration - city employees will take care of that. However, he said, voters do need to be aware of which precinct they are now supposed to go to in order to cast their ballots.

A map of the re-drawn district will be posted at the city hall and at the polls.

Knife

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Hancock County Sheriff's Department, said that John Gibson was assaulted at a Diamondhead car wash at about 9:36 p.m. Thursday.

"The suspect held a knife to the man's throat and took his wallet with some cash and credit cards," Blaize-Watson said. "He fled on foot."

Which was made all the more odd, she said, by the fact that the assailant was bare-footed.

The suspect is described as a tall and thin white male with brown hair. He may have been accompanied by a white female, Blaize-Watson said, who was also described as tall and thin, with blonde hair. Two people matching the descriptions had been spotted earlier in the evening, and may have been riding in a newer model dark green sedan, possibly a Crown-Victoria, with Mississippi tags.



Hancock County Sheriff's investigator's are hoping this grainy store surveillance photograph will help them locate this man, who is wanted for questioning in the armed robbery of Diamondhead-resident John Gibson. If you have any information that may help the case, please call investigator Rita Blaize-Watson at 467-5101.

Anyone with information concerning the incident is asked to contact Blaize-Watson at 467-5101.

Great Books discussion group to meet at library

The next Great Books discussion group meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The group is currently studying the volume, *The Art of the Story*. The readings for this session will be *You Can't Get Lost in Cape Town* by Zoe Wicomb and *Doc's Story* by John Edgar Wildeman.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, members have read more than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Locke

deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

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ROXIE THOMAS

RUTH CAMPION
 Ruth Gress Campion, 89, of Mobile, died Friday, August 9, 2002, in Mobile. Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

SHIRLEY FLOWERS
 Shirley Pullman Flowers, 77, of Pearlinton, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in Slidell.

Mrs. Flowers was a native and lifetime resident of Pearlinton and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert R. Flowers, Jr.; her parents, Henry and Maratha Garcia Pullman; a brother, Dick Pullman; and sisters Lucille Bello and Mary Tallman.

Survivors include a son, George Flowers of New York, N.Y.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton followed by interment in Pearlinton Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral

Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

EUCARIST GUSTER
 Mrs. Eucharist Guster, 93, of Picayune, died Monday, August 5, 2002 in Slidell.

Mrs. Guster was a native of Logtown, Miss. and was a retired school teacher. She was a member of Pilgrim Bound Baptist Church and a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana with a degree in mathematics. She was treasurer of the Mission Society and treasurer of the Sunday School, a member of the senior choir, a deaconess, Sunday School teacher and a teacher at George Washington Carver High School, Eastside Elementary and Southside Elementary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawyer Guster; her parents, Rev. James and Mary Norman; a brother, James Boyd Norman; and a sister, Eva C. Norman Blakely.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosemary Williams of Slidell, three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

Visitation was Saturday at Pilgrim Bound Baptist Church in Picayune, followed by services and burial in Picayune Cemetery, directed by Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune.

NICOLE LADNER
 Nicole Ladner, 21, of Pass Christian, died Monday, August 5, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Ms. Ladner was a native and life long resident of the Gulf Coast. She was a graduate of Pass Christian High School and was currently attending MGCCC-Jeff Davis Campus.

She was employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite-Aid Pharmacy in Pass Christian. She was a member of St. William Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents, Bernard "B.C." and Carol Ladner of Pass Christian; two brothers, Charles B. Ladner of Pass Christian and Richard B. Ladner of Pass Christian; and two sisters, Karen L. Bonney and Dena M. Ladner, both of Pass Christian.

Visitation was Friday at St. William Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at St. William Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

Christian directed by Riemann Funeral Homes, Gulfport.

Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

TIFFANY NECAISE
 Tiffany Lynn Necaie, 15, of Kiln, died Monday, August 5, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Miss Necaie was a native of Beaumont, Texas and loved music of all kinds. She attended Hancock County schools and her family extends sincere thanks to everyone at the schools for their many kindnesses to Tiffany.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Olive and Thelma Scarborough.

Survivors include her parents, Rodney J. Necaie and Deborah Lynn Necaie of Kiln; brothers Donald R. Fruge, Jr. of Premont, Texas; Rodney J. Necaie, Jr. of Poplarville, and Joseph L. Necaie of Kiln; grandparents Marvin and Wilma Necaie of Pass Christian, and an uncle, Frank E. "Uncle Frankie" Necaie.

Visitation will be today, Aug. 11, 1 to 3 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Burial will be in Standard Sand Hill Cemetery in Hancock County.

CLYDE L. ROGERS
 Clyde L. Rogers, 91, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in Biloxi.

Mr. Rogers was a custodian with Waveland Public Schools. He was a native of Napoleonville, La. and long-time resident of Waveland. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in France and received the Purple Heart. He was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland and a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by brothers Lloyd, Eric and Gouaux Rogers; and a sister, Antoinette Greco.

Survivors include his wife, Ione C. Rogers, and sons Edwin H. Brink and Bernard E. Brink, all of Waveland; a sister, Lillian Rogers of Kenner; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be Monday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Gulf Coast

Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

JAMES SCARBROUGH
 James W. Scarbrough, 82, Lizana, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Scarbrough was a native and lifelong resident of Lizana. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was employed as a heavy equipment inspector at the Navy base for 35 years until his retirement. He was a charter member and former president of the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Department and was a member of the Orange Grove Masonic Lodge #635. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Goldie Mae Scarbrough.

Survivors include three daughters, Gertrude Biggs of Lizana, Hazel Elaine Edge of Wiggins and Sharon Kay Robison of Gulfport; three sons, John Earl Scarbrough of Wiggins, Gary Wayne Scarbrough of Gulfport and Charles David Scarbrough of Woolmarket; a brother, Joseph Taylor of Gulfport; a sister, Mable Zambrowski of Gulfport; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, U.S. 49 North in Gulfport. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel.

Burial was in Coalville Cemetery in Woolmarket.

ROXIE THOMAS
 Roxie Thomas, 85, of Sandy Hook, Miss. died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002 in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Thomas was born Nov. 3, 1916 in Walthall County, the daughter of the late Warren and Effie Hobgood McCain. She had owned and operated a general store and was also a seamstress. She was a member of Hurricane Creek Baptist Church where she was active in her Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Calvin Thomas; and a daughter, Brenda Estelle Malamud-Thomas.

Survivors include a son, Todd Thomas of Sandy Hook; daughters Dianne Ball of Sandy Hook and Judy Fletcher of Waveland; a brother, W. E. McCain of Kenner; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at Hurricane Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in Hurricane Creek Cemetery.

Hartman-Hughes Funeral Home in Tylertown was in charge of arrangements.

State parks and gardens projects have begun

Officials with the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks are encouraging more individuals and groups to volunteer and sponsor worthwhile landscaping projects within Mississippi's 28 state parks.

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Her secret is simple; that is to use fresh, local ingredients. Whether salad, soup or entree, she allows each dish to stand on its own so

that its flavor, while remaining paramount unto itself, still complement the other meal ingredients. She has written a cookbook containing her own recipes and a great deal of her philosophy on cooking. The book, *Blueberry Peaches, Red Robin Pie*, has been a hit on the Coast, promising to have its first edition sold out this winter. She will have a 4 p.m. show on WLOX Monday, Aug. 12.

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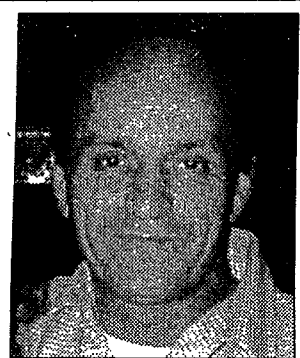
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BUSINESS NEWS

Penn National to buy Hollywood Casino

The parent corporation of Casino Magic, Penn National Gaming Inc., (PENN) has agreed to buy Hollywood Casino Corp. (HWD) for \$347.7 million in cash.

Hollywood Casino shareholders will receive \$12.75 for each share they own, a 20% premium to the stock's

Hancock Holding declares dividends

George A. Schloegel, Chief Executive Officer of Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC), has announced that the company's board of directors approved a regular third quarter 2002 common stock cash dividend of \$0.20 per share.

This common stock cash dividend reflects the adjustment resulting from the company's recent three-for-two stock split paid August 5, 2002. As a result of the stock split, shareholders of record as of July 23, 2002, received one additional share for every two shares held and cash for any fractional shares.

Additionally, the board approved a Hancock convertible preferred stock cash dividend of \$0.40 per preferred share.

The regular quarterly common stock cash dividend is payable September 16, 2002, to shareholders of record as of September 5, 2002. The quarterly preferred stock cash dividend is payable September 30, 2002, to Hancock Holding Company convertible preferred stock shareholders of record as of September 20, 2002.

Hancock Holding Company, headquartered in Gulfport, has paid a regular cash dividend since 1937.

Workshop

The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a two-part computer workshop, "Quickbooks Pro For Beginners" on Sept. 11 and Sept. 18 from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. at the USM Small Business Development Center Computer Resource Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach.

4 p.m. EDT price on the American Stock Exchange of \$10.62. The Dallas-based company has about 27.3 million shares outstanding.

In addition, Penn National will assume about \$569 million in long-term debt and receive about \$136 million in cash and cash equivalents from Hollywood Casino.

Penn National, a race-track and casino operator, said in a statement it expects the acquisition to almost double its revenue base to over \$1 billion a year and add to earnings upon closing, slated for the first half of 2003.

The combined company will operate under the Hollywood Casino brand, and Penn National's properties will adopt Hollywood

Casino's name and theme. Hollywood Casino owns and operates Hollywood-themed casino entertainment facilities in Aurora, Ill., where it has a riverboat operation, and casino hotels in Tunica, Miss.; and Shreveport, La.

"The acquisition of these well established properties represents a significant growth and expansion opportunity for Penn National and is attractive both strategically and financially," said Penn National Chief Executive Peter M. Carlino in a statement. "We believe Hollywood's assets will prove to be excellent additions to Penn National."

Hollywood Casino announced in late June it had been exploring strategic alternatives and that pre-

liminary indications to buy the company had been received. Chairman and Chief Executive Edward T. Pratt III noted Wednesday that Penn National's offer is 34% above what his company's stock was trading at a day before Hollywood Casino made its announcement.

Shareholders of about 50.3% of Hollywood Casino's stock have agreed to vote in favor of the transaction. The boards of both companies support the deal.

Penn National owns three racetracks, 11 off-track-betting facilities, Casino Magic and Boomtown Casino in Mississippi, a Louisiana riverboat casino and a casino in Colorado. It also operates a casino in Ontario.

Local business among top rated franchises

The January, 2002 edition of Entrepreneur Magazine contains their annual list of the top 500 franchises. Franchises are rated on qualities, such as financial stability, years in business, growth rate, financing availability, start-up costs, litigation and other factors that provide for a qualifiable formula.

Among this year's top 10 rated franchises are Subway (#1) and McDonalds (#7).

A newcomer to the top 10 list is Curves for Women, rated "the number 3 best franchise." After franchising for just six years, Curves has established itself among the premiere franchises.

Based in Waco, Texas, they have almost 3000 locations in all 50 states, Canada, Spain and Mexico.

Curves for Women also made Entrepreneurs fastest growing franchise list at number 3. They are currently opening between 30 and 50 locations each week.

To put this in perspective, in just six years, Curves has grown from just one fran-

chise to having one location for every four McDonalds in America.

Curves is a fitness and weight loss center designed for women. They offer a unique 30-minute total fitness program called Quickfit.

This exercise circuit allows women to perform all five of the components of a complete fitness program in just half an hour. A complete workout includes warmup, cardio and strength training, cool down and stretching.

Curves seems to have filled a niche. According to a recent NBC news survey, 46% of adult women do not exercise. Perhaps they were just waiting for a place to go.

This no-frills environment is simply a great workout. Members claim it may be hard work, but it's fast and fun. In addition to fitness, they also provide weight loss guidance.

Curves is also a unique business concept in several ways. A franchise often occupies as little as 1,000

square feet. This efficiency allows Curves franchisees to thrive in smaller population markets where there is little or no competition. Curves opens in the smaller markets which then allows them to springboard into the adjacent larger metropolitan markets.

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REGIONS FINANCIAL/R7	35.50	+ 1.53
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SPORTS

More than 80 prospective PRCC Wildcats to report for 2002 preseason football drills Monday

THE SEA COAST ECHO
POPLARVILLE — The Tim Hatten era officially begins here Monday at Pearl River Community College when some 80 prospects report for the Wildcats' 2002 preseason football drills.

Hatten, a former PRCC wide receiver, inherits a club that recorded its first winning season since 1995 when it went 7-2 under then-head coach Scott Maxfield last fall.

"It's going to be a big challenge moving up from the high school level to college," said Hatten, who spent the past 14 years — the past nine as head coach — at renowned Haines City High School in Haines City, Fla. "But I'm up for the challenge. We've got a solid staff of assistants and a solid nucleus of players returning... that's going to make my job a lot easier."

Maxfield's "air raid" offense led the nation a year ago and produced the NJCAA's most prolific passer in rocket-armed Texan Charlie Reeve, who is not taking snaps at Southwest Texas State.

"I'm familiar with Coach Maxfield's offense and mine is very similar," Hatten said.

"My style tends to lean more toward the vertical passing game. Last year, Scott's team relied a lot on slip screens. I like to throw the ball down field."

Maxfield resigned last December and headed for Blinn College in Texas, which prompted the hiring of former Louisiana-Lafayette assistant Tucker Peavey in January as head coach. Peavey resigned after only four months on the job to accept the athletic director and head football coaching position at his alma mater Brookhaven High



New PRCC Wildcats Head Football Coach Tim Hatten.

School. Hatten says the Wildcats' offensive front will be more athletic than last year's, while the team's skill level is about equal.

"Of course, we're also looking at a tougher schedule with Northwest coming back into the mix," Hatten said of the perennial North Division powerhouse.

Ten starters return from last year, including five on offense and five on defense.

Hatten will be reunited All-State and All-Region XXIII wide receiver-kick returner Jaron Fountain, a sophomore who played for Hatten at Haines City.

"Jaron's a very exciting player and I'm excited about being with him again," Hatten said of the speedster. "He was one of those kids in high school that you would say 'boy, I'd give anything to have him one more year.'"

"Well, now I've got him back for another year." Other returning offensive starters include All-State wide receiver Ike Chekwa of New Orleans, running back Kris Cannon of St. Stanislaus, and linemen Jeremy Burge of Forrest

the offensive side; while returning defensive starters include defensive end Darryl Blappert of Bay St. Louis, linebacker T.J. Jackson of Columbia, and defensive backs Jason Santiago of St. Stanislaus and Hiram Eugene of Jeanerette, La.

Hatten says some 40 of the incoming prospects participated in the Wildcats' spring drills.

Monday's agenda includes physical examinations and conditioning tests, which include the running of 16 110-yard sprints with a 60-second breather between each.

Each sprint has to be run in a predesignated time with wide receivers and

defensive backs required to run each in at least 16 seconds, running backs, quarterbacks, tight ends, defensive ends, and kickers in 18 seconds; and offensive and defensive linemen in 20 seconds.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday will see three-a-day practices in helmets and pads, while full-equipment, full-contact drills begin Friday. Evening practices are set for Thursday and Friday due to mandated orientation sessions for new students.

Hatten will coach the backs and receivers, in addition to serving as co-offensive coordinator along with offensive line coach Buddy Stephens. William Jones

returns as defensive coordinator and will coach linebackers, while Kelvin Lyons will coach defensive backs. The newcomer to the staff is Tim Edwards, a former standout Delta State and New England Patriot lineman, who will coach the down linemen.

There are only four home games on PRCC's 2002 schedule. The Wildcats open on the road against Northeast Mississippi in Booneville on Thursday, Sept. 5; then travel to Northwest Mississippi in Senatobia on Thursday, Sept. 12. The Wildcats' home and South Division opener is set for Thursday, Sept. 19, against East Central.

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PRCC opens 2002 football Sept. 5 at Northeast

New Pearl River Community College head coach Tim Hatten will eye his inaugural football game with the Wildcats Thursday, Sept. 5, against Northeast Mississippi in Booneville.

The season opener marks the first of five straight Thursday-night playing dates for PRCC. The Wildcats' home and South Division opener is set for Thursday, Sept. 19 against East Central, then non-division rival Itawamba visits Dobie Holden Stadium Thursday, Oct. 3. Homecoming is set for Saturday, Oct. 12, against league rival Southwest

PRCC closes out the regular season on Thursday, Oct. 31 Halloween night against division foe Copiah-Lincoln.

Other road games include a match up with North Division power Northwest in Senatobia Thursday, Sept. 12; while division rival Hinds hosts Thursday, Sept. 26, in

Raymond. Defending state champion Jones plays host in its Homecoming with a division battle Saturday, Oct. 19, in Ellisville; while division rival Mississippi Gulf Coast hosts Saturday, Oct. 26, for its Homecoming in Perkinst on.

Pass Isles Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association July 30 Points format winners include:

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SPORTS

OLA begins quest for yet another successful volleyball season

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The long, hot summer days are coming to a close for the high school students as they prepare to walk the halls for another academic year.

With school starting, the high school sports year will soon be in full swing.

Our Lady Academy is preparing for the start of the 2002 volleyball season. The two-time defending Division 8 champion Crescents will begin their season at home in the Father Peter Gymnasium against the defending Division 7 champion Ocean Springs Lady Greyhounds. This will be a rematch of the quarterfinals in the South State playoffs last season when OLA won the South State title before finishing as state runner-up.

Top returners from last year for OLA are Julie Reboul, Katherine Milner, Jennifer Fortenberry, Rachel Cranford, Clare Adam, and Grace Allen. Top newcomers to the team are Jordan Fisher, Lauren Bentz, Rachel Cuevas, and Kaylee Schmitt. The team will greatly miss the experience and leadership from departed seniors Emily Meyers, Mikki Kenny, and Megan Hunter.

OLA will entertain Ocean Springs on Tuesday, August 13, with a junior varsity game beginning at 6pm and the varsity game to follow. On Thursday, August 15, OLA will host Vancleave before traveling across the highway to play arch-rival Bay High in their Division 8 opener against Bay High on Tuesday, August 20.

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8/22 Long Beach Home JV & V
8/23 & 24 Kickoff Classic OLA V time to TBA
8/27 Oak Grove Away JV & V
8/29 Mercy Cross Away JV & V
9/3 Pass Christian Home JV & V
9/5 Hancock Home JV & V
9/10 Gulfport Away JV & V
9/12 Bay High Home JV & V
9/13 & 14 SLU Tournament Hammond V - time to TBA
9/17 Long Beach Away JV & V
9/19 Oak Grove Home JV & V
9/24 Mercy Cross Home JV & V
9/26 Pass Christian Away JV & V
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The tournament is organized as a three-person scramble (men and women) with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There will be prizes aplenty, including first, second and third place team prizes for low net and individual prizes for the longest drive and the closest to hole.

A box lunch and beverage are included in the entry fee. The entry fee is \$60 per person or \$150 per team.

"As St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy's premier fund raiser, we are encouraging everyone to come out and support efforts to provide

medicines to those in our community who need help," a spokesperson said.

"If you don't play golf but would like to support our work, please be an associate sponsor for a donation of \$100. If your place of business would like to provide sponsorship or field a team or two, please contact Bob Mayer, chairman, through the Gulf Hills Pro Shop at 872-9663."

Sponsorship ranges from \$500 to \$1,000.

Last year, the first golf tournament was an unqualified success raising over \$19,000 and providing a great time for everyone who participated. The money raised by this event goes directly to the purchase of medications. For more information, call Bob Mayer at 875-5086.

D'head Tennis World lessons and events

Diamondhead Tennis World offers:

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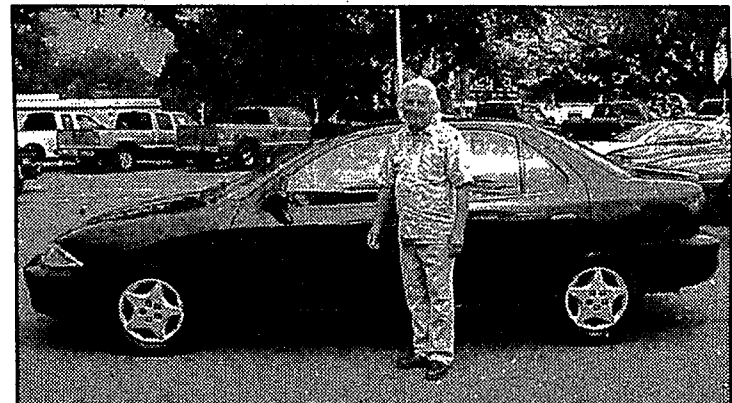
Sat., Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Men's and women's 5.5, 6.5, 7.5 and 8.5 divisions. Round Robin format.

Partners do not change. Prizes for first and second place, and brunch will be provided at Diamondhead Tennis World. Limit is six teams per division.

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Sunday, Sept. 8, 1-4 p.m.

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Candidate Qualifying Opens with New Ward Lines

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The city of Waveland has officially been re-warded.

The U.S. Dept. of Justice last week confirmed that the city's redistricting plan has been approved by the U.S. Attorney General's office.

Mayor Tommy Longo and aldermen worked with research analyst Ben Collins of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government in February to re-draw Waveland's ward lines in order to bring the city more in line with the 2000 U.S. Census results.

That meant moving ward lines so that each alderman represents approximately 1,699 people. Due to uneven population growth in the city, before the redistricting effort, Alderman Charles Piazza's Ward 4 had about 1,000 more people than Alderman Milton Bernard's Ward 1.

According to 2000 Census figures, Ward 1 contained 1,253 men, women and children; Ricky Geoffrey's Ward 2 - 1,247; Louie Smolensky's Ward 3 - 1,787; and Ward 4 - 2,273.

Wards 3 and 4 also included higher numbers of minority residents, making redistricting more difficult, Collins said, since the law requires that efforts "try not to dilute minority populations."

Re-districting in the city was all the more urgent, since an election for city offices is coming up in November.

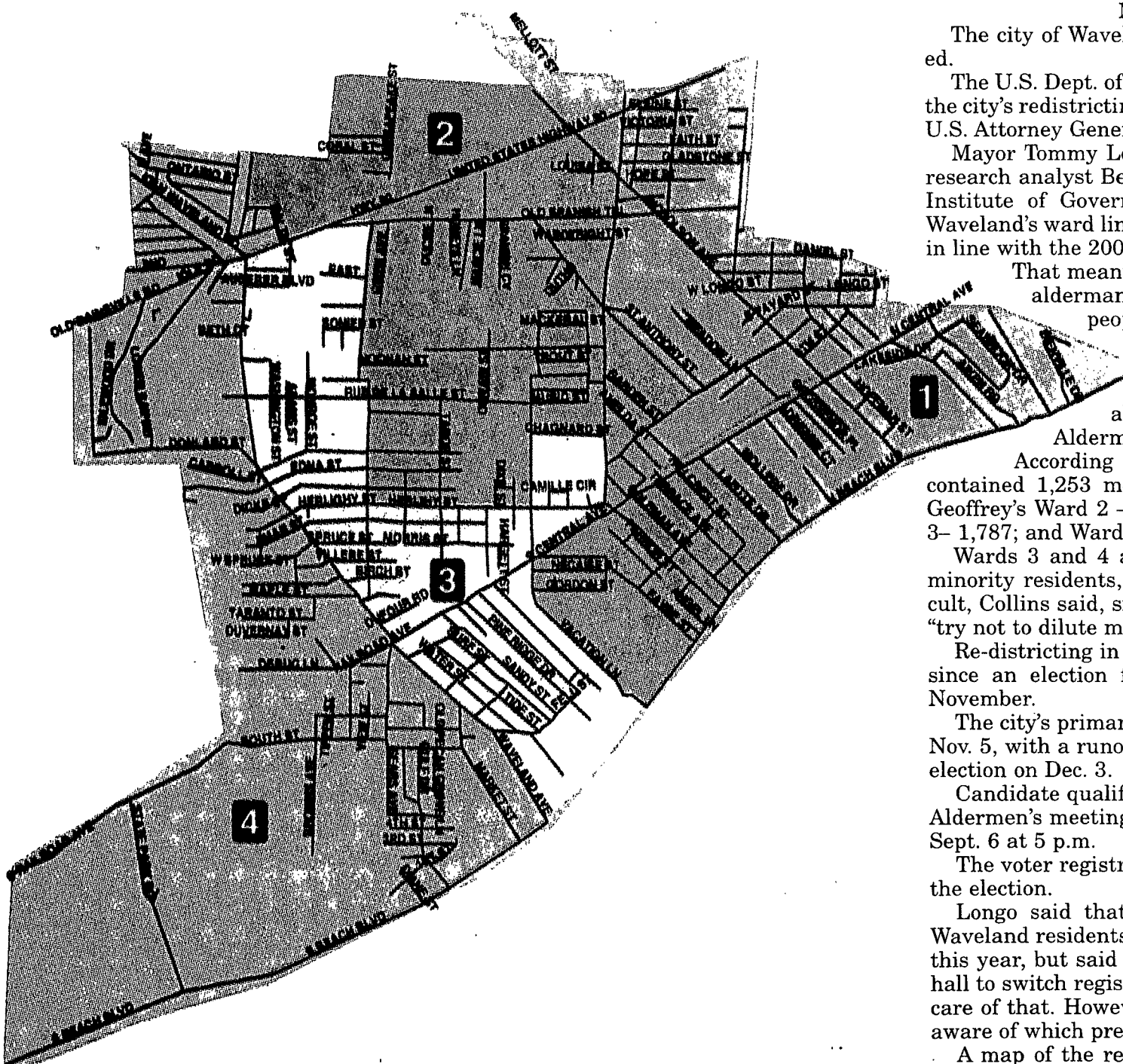
The city's primary election has been scheduled for Nov. 5, with a runoff set for Nov. 19 and the general election on Dec. 3.

Candidate qualifying will begin with the Board of Aldermen's meeting on Aug. 6, and will run through Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

The voter registration deadline is 30 days prior to the election.

Longo said that the re-districting means some Waveland residents will be voting in different wards this year, but said voters don't need to come to city hall to switch registration - city employees will take care of that. However, he said, voters do need to be aware of which precinct they need to vote in.

A map of the re-drawn district will be posted at the city hall and at the polls.



A map of the new Waveland Ward lines.

Obituaries

RUTH CAMPION
SHIRLEY FLOWERS
EUCARIST GUSTER
NICOLE LADNER
TIFFANY NECAISE
CLYDE L. ROGERS
J. SCARBROUGH
ROXIE THOMAS

RUTH CAMPION
 Ruth Gress Campion, 89, of Mobile, died Friday, August 9, 2002, in Mobile. Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

SHIRLEY FLOWERS
 Shirley Pullman Flowers, 77, of Pearlinton, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in Slidell.

Mrs. Flowers was a native and lifetime resident of Pearlinton and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert R. Flowers, Jr.; her parents, Henry and Maratha Garcia Pullman; a brother, Dick Pullman; and sisters Lucille Bello and Mary Tallman.

Survivors include a son, George Flowers of New York, N.Y.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton followed by interment in Pearlinton Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral

Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

EUCARIST GUSTER
 Mrs. Eucharist Guster, 93, of Picayune, died Monday, August 5, 2002 in Slidell.

Mrs. Guster was a native of Logtown, Miss. and was a retired school teacher. She was a member of Pilgrim Bound Baptist Church and a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana with a degree in mathematics. She was treasurer of the Mission Society and treasurer of the Sunday School, a member of the senior choir, a deaconess, Sunday School teacher and a teacher at George Washington Carver High School, Eastside Elementary and Southside Elementary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawyer Guster; her parents, Rev. James and Mary Norman; a brother, James Boyd Norman; and a sister, Eva C. Norman Blakely.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosemary Williams of Slidell, three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

Visitation was Saturday at Pilgrim Bound Baptist Church in Picayune, followed by services and burial in Picayune Cemetery, directed by Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune.

NICOLE LADNER
 Nicole Ladner, 21, of Pass Christian, died Monday, August 5, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Ladner was a native and life long resident of the Gulf Coast. She was a graduate of Pass Christian High School and was currently attending MGCCC-Jeff Davis Campus.

She was employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite-Aid Pharmacy in Pass Christian. She was a member of St. William Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents, Bernard "B.C." and Carol Ladner of Pass Christian; two brothers, Charles B. Ladner of Pass Christian and Richard B. Ladner of Pass Christian; and two sisters, Karen L. Bonney and Dena M. Ladner, both of Pass Christian.

Visitation was Friday at St. William Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at St. William Catholic Church in Pass

Christian directed by Riemann Funeral Homes, Gulfport.

Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

TIFFANY NECAISE
 Tiffany Lynn Necaie, 15, of Kiln, died Monday, August 5, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Miss Necaie was a native of Beaumont, Texas and loved music of all kinds. She attended Hancock County schools and her family extends sincere thanks to everyone at the schools for their many kindnesses to Tiffany.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Olive and Thelma Scarbrough.

Survivors include her parents, Rodney J. Necaie and Deborah Lynn Necaie of Kiln; brothers Donald R. Fruge, Jr. of Premont, Texas; Rodney J. Necaie, Jr. of Poplarville, and Joseph L. Necaie of Kiln; grandparents Marvin and Wilma Necaie of Pass Christian, and an uncle, Frank E. "Uncle Frankie" Necaie.

Visitation will be today, Aug. 11, 1 to 3 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Burial will be in Standard Sand Hill Cemetery in Hancock County.

CLYDE L. ROGERS
 Clyde L. Rogers, 91, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in Biloxi.

Mr. Rogers was a custodian with Waveland Public Schools. He was a native of Napoleonville, La. and long-time resident of Waveland. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in France and received the Purple Heart. He was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland and a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by brothers Lloyd, Eric and Gouaux Rogers; and a sister, Antoinette Greco.

Survivors include his wife, Ione C. Rogers, and sons Edwin H. Brink and Bernard E. Brink, all of Waveland; a sister, Lillian Rogers of Kenner; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation will be Monday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Gulf Coast

Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. The family prefers memorials to St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

JAMES SCARBROUGH
 James W. Scarbrough, 82, Lizana, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Scarbrough was a native and lifelong resident of Lizana. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was employed as a heavy equipment inspector at the Navy base for 35 years until his retirement. He was a charter member and former president of the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Department and was a member of the Orange Grove Masonic Lodge #635. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Goldie Mae Scarbrough.

Survivors include three daughters, Gertrude Biggs of Lizana, Hazel Elaine Edge of Wiggins and Sharon Kay Robinson of Gulfport; three sons, John Earl Scarbrough of Wiggins, Gary Wayne Scarbrough of Gulfport and Charles David Scarbrough of Woolmarket; a brother, Joseph Taylor of Gulfport; a sister, Mable Zambrowski of Gulfport; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, U.S. 49 North in Gulfport. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel.

Burial was in Coalville Cemetery in Woolmarket.

ROXIE THOMAS
 Roxie Thomas, 85, of Sandy Hook, Miss. died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002 in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Thomas was born Nov. 3, 1916 in Walthall County, the daughter of the late Warren and Effie Hobgood McCain. She had owned and operated a general store and was also a seamstress. She was a member of Hurricane Creek Baptist Church where she was active in her Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Calvin Thomas; and a daughter, Brenda Estelle Malamud-Thomas.

Survivors include a son, Todd Thomas of Sandy Hook; daughters Dianne Ball of Sandy Hook and Judy Fletcher of Waveland; a brother, W. E. McCain of Kenner; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at Hurricane Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in Hurricane Creek Cemetery.

Hartman-Hughes Funeral Home in Tylertown was in charge of arrangements.

State parks and gardens projects have begun

Officials with the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks are encouraging more individuals and groups to volunteer and sponsor worthwhile landscaping projects within Mississippi's 28 state parks.

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Her secret is simple; that is to use fresh, local ingredients. Whether salad, soup or entree, she allows each dish to stand on its own so

that its flavor, while remaining paramount unto itself, still complement the other meal ingredients. She has written a cookbook containing her own recipes and a great deal of her philosophy on cooking. The book, *Blueberry Peaches, Red Robin Pie*, has been a hit on the Coast, promising to have its first edition sold out this winter. She will have a 4 p.m. show on WLOX Monday, Aug. 12.

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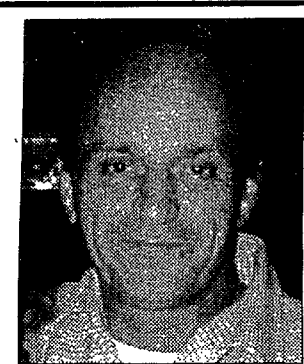
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Sean Patrick Finegan (12)
Joseph Wesley Winningham (12)

Died August 14, 1999
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Our sweet Ceci, Sean and Joe-Joe, three years have come and gone, but you are still forever within our hearts. We know your beautiful spirits are with us every day to lift us up and keep us able to go on in life without you. You were our most precious treasures, special gifts from God. We were so blessed to have you in our lives. How we love and miss you! Until we are with you again, we will forever hold you close to our hearts. We love you, our sweet, Heavenly angels. You have our love forever.

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 and Winningham Families

BUSINESS NEWS

Penn National to buy Hollywood Casino

The parent corporation of Casino Magic, Penn National Gaming Inc., (PENN) has agreed to buy Hollywood Casino Corp. (HWD) for \$347.7 million in cash.

Hollywood Casino shareholders will receive \$12.75 for each share they own, a 20% premium to the stock's

4 p.m. EDT price on the American Stock Exchange of \$10.62. The Dallas-based company has about 27.3 million shares outstanding.

In addition, Penn National will assume about \$569 million in long-term debt and receive about \$136 million in cash and cash equivalents from Hollywood Casino.

Penn National, a race-track and casino operator, said in a statement it expects the acquisition to almost double its revenue base to over \$1 billion a year and add to earnings upon closing, slated for the first half of 2003.

The combined company will operate under the Hollywood Casino brand, and Penn National's properties will adopt Hollywood

Casino's name and theme. Hollywood Casino owns and operates Hollywood-themed casino entertainment facilities in Aurora, Ill., where it has a riverboat operation, and casino hotels in Tunica, Miss., and Shreveport, La.

"The acquisition of these well established properties represents a significant growth and expansion opportunity for Penn National and is attractive both strategically and financially," said Penn National Chief Executive Peter M. Carlino in a statement. "We believe Hollywood's assets will prove to be excellent additions to Penn National."

Hollywood Casino announced in late June it had been exploring strategic alternatives and that pre-

liminary indications to buy the company had been received. Chairman and Chief Executive Edward T. Pratt III noted Wednesday that Penn National's offer is 34% above what his company's stock was trading at a day before Hollywood Casino made its announcement.

Shareholders of about 50.3% of Hollywood Casino's stock have agreed to vote in favor of the transaction. The boards of both companies support the deal.

Penn National owns three racetracks, 11 off-track-betting facilities, Casino Magic and Boomtown Casino in Mississippi, a Louisiana riverboat casino and a casino in Colorado. It also operates a casino in Ontario.

Hancock Holding declares dividends

George A. Schloegel, Chief Executive Officer of Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC), has announced that the company's board of directors approved a regular third quarter 2002 common stock cash dividend of \$0.20 per share.

This common stock cash dividend reflects the adjustment resulting from the company's recent three-for-two stock split paid August 5, 2002. As a result of the stock split, shareholders of record as of July 23, 2002, received one additional share for every two shares held and cash for any fractional shares.

Additionally, the board approved a Hancock convertible preferred stock cash dividend of \$0.40 per preferred share.

The regular quarterly common stock cash dividend is payable September 16, 2002, to shareholders of record as of September 6, 2002. The quarterly preferred stock cash dividend is payable September 30, 2002, to Hancock Holding Company convertible preferred stock shareholders of record as of September 20, 2002.

Hancock Holding Company, headquartered in Gulfport, has paid a regular cash dividend since 1937.

Workshop

The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a two-part computer workshop, "Quickbooks Pro For Beginners" on Sept. 11 and Sept. 18 from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. at the USM Small Business Development Center Computer Resource Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach.

Local business among top rated franchises

The January, 2002 edition of Entrepreneur Magazine contains their annual list of the top 500 franchises. Franchises are rated on qualities, such as financial stability, years in business, growth rate, financing availability, start-up costs, litigation and other factors that provide for a qualifiable formula.

Among this year's top 10 rated franchises are Subway (#1) and McDonalds (#7).

A newcomer to the top 10 list is Curves for Women, rated "the number 3 best franchise." After franchising for just six years, Curves has established itself among the premiere franchises.

Based in Waco, Texas, they have almost 3000 locations in all 50 states, Canada, Spain and Mexico.

Curves for Women also made Entrepreneurs fastest growing franchise list at number 3. They are currently opening between 30 and 50 locations each week.

To put this in perspective, in just six years, Curves has grown from just one fran-

chise to having one location for every four McDonalds in America.

Curves is a fitness and weight loss center designed for women. They offer a unique 30-minute total fitness program called Quickfit.

This exercise circuit allows women to perform all five of the components of a complete fitness program in just half an hour. A complete workout includes warmup, cardio and strength training, cool down and stretching.

Curves seems to have filled a niche. According to a recent NBC news survey, 46% of adult women do not exercise. Perhaps they were just waiting for a place to go.

This no-frills environment is simply a great workout. Members claim it may be hard work, but it's fast and fun. In addition to fitness, they also provide weight loss guidance.

Curves is also a unique business concept in several ways. A franchise often occupies as little as 1,000

square feet. This efficiency allows Curves franchisees to thrive in smaller population markets where there is little or no competition. Curves opens in the smaller markets which then allows them to springboard into the adjacent larger metropolitan markets.

For more information contact Curves International Inc. corporate office at 800-848-1096.

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SPORTS

More than 80 prospective PRCC Wildcats to report for 2002 preseason football drills Monday

THE SEA COAST ECHO
POPLARVILLE - The Tim Hatten era officially begins here Monday at Pearl River Community College when some 80 prospects report for the Wildcats' 2002 preseason football drills.

Hatten, a former PRCC wide receiver, inherits a club that recorded its first winning season since 1995 when it went 7-2 under then-head coach Scott Maxfield last fall.

"It's going to be a big challenge moving up from the high school level to college," said Hatten, who spent the past 14 years - the past nine as head coach - at renowned Haines City High School in Haines City, Fla. "But I'm up for the challenge. We've got a solid staff of assistants and a solid nucleus of players returning ... that's going to make my job a lot easier."

Maxfield's "air raid" offense led the nation a year ago and produced the NJCAA's most prolific passer in rocket-armed Texan Charlie Reeve, who is not taking snaps at Southwest Texas State.

"I'm familiar with Coach Maxfield's offense and mine is very similar," Hatten said.

"My style tends to lean more toward the vertical passing game. Last year, Scott's team relied a lot on slip screens. I like to throw the ball down field."

Maxfield resigned last December and headed for Blinn College in Texas, which prompted the hiring of former Louisiana-Lafayette assistant Tucker Peavey in January as head coach. Peavey resigned after only four months on the job to accept the athletic director and head football coaching position at his alma mater Brookhaven High



Photo courtesy of PRCC
New PRCC Wildcats Head Football Coach Tim Hatten.

School. County AHS and Brett Murdock of Hernando on

Hatten says the Wildcats' offensive front will be more athletic than last year's, while the team's skill level is about equal.

"Of course, we're also looking at a tougher schedule with Northwest coming back into the mix," Hatten said of the perennial North Division powerhouse.

Ten starters return from last year, including five on offense and five on defense.

Hatten will be reunited All-State and All-Region XXIII wide receiver-kick returner Jaron Fountain, a sophomore who played for Hatten at Haines City.

"Jaron's a very exciting player and I'm excited about being with him again."

Hatten said of the speedster. "He was one of those kids in high school that you would say 'boy, I'd give anything to have him one more year.'"

"Well, now I've got him back for another year."

Other returning offensive starters include All-State wide receiver Ike Chekwa of New Orleans, running back Kris Cannon of St. Stanislaus, and linemen Jeremy Burge of Forrest

the offensive side; while returning defensive starters include defensive end Darryl Blappert of Bay St. Louis, linebacker T.J. Jackson of Columbia, and defensive backs Jason Santiago of St. Stanislaus and Hiram Eugene of Jeanerette, La.

Hatten says some 40 of the incoming prospects participated in the Wildcats' spring drills.

Monday's agenda includes physical examinations and conditioning tests, which include the running of 16 110-yard sprints with a 60-second breather between each.

Each sprint has to be run in a predesignated time with wide receivers and

defensive backs required to run each in at least 16 seconds, running backs, quarterbacks, tight ends, defensive ends, and kickers in 18 seconds; and offensive and defensive linemen in 20 seconds.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday will see three-day practices in helmets and pads, while full-equipment, full-contact drills begin Friday. Evening practices are set for Thursday and Friday due to mandated orientation sessions for new students.

Hatten will coach the backs and receivers, in addition to serving as co-offensive coordinator along with offensive line coach Buddy Stephens. William Jones

returns as defensive coordinator and will coach linebackers, while Kelvin Lyons will coach defensive backs. The newcomer to the staff is Tim Edwards, a former standout Delta State and New England Patriot lineman, who will coach the down linemen.

There are only four home games on PRCC's 2002 schedule. The Wildcats open on the road against Northeast Mississippi in Booneville on Thursday, Sept. 5; then travel to Northwest Mississippi in Senatobia on Thursday, Sept. 12. The Wildcats' home and South Division opener is set for Thursday, Sept. 19, against East Central.

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PRCC opens 2002 football Sept. 5 at Northeast

New Pearl River Community College head coach Tim Hatten will eye his inaugural football game with the Wildcats Thursday, Sept. 5, against Northeast Mississippi in Booneville.

The season opener marks the first of five straight Thursday-night playing dates for PRCC. The Wildcats' home and South Division opener is set for Thursday, Sept. 19 against East Central, then non-division rival Itawamba visits Dobie Holden Stadium Thursday, Oct. 3. Homecoming is set for Saturday, Oct. 12, against league rival Southwest.

PRCC closes out the regular season on Thursday, Oct. 31 Halloween night against division foe Copiah-Lincoln.

Other road games include a match up with North Division power Northwest in Senatobia Thursday, Sept. 12; while division rival Hinds hosts Thursday, Sept. 26, in

Raymond. Defending state champion Jones plays host in its Homecoming with a division battle Saturday, Oct. 19, in Ellisville; while division rival Mississippi Gulf Coast hosts Saturday, Oct. 26, for its Homecoming in Perkinst on.

Pass Isles Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association July 30 Points format winners include:

Nancy Hanby, first; Kay Wingate, second; Betty

Arceneaux, third; Kay Love, fourth; and Joliee Burrus, closest to the pin.

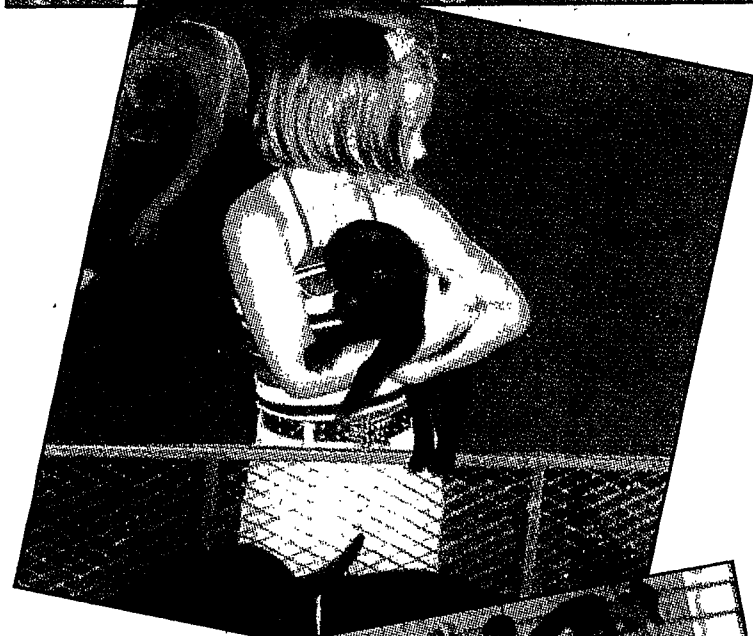
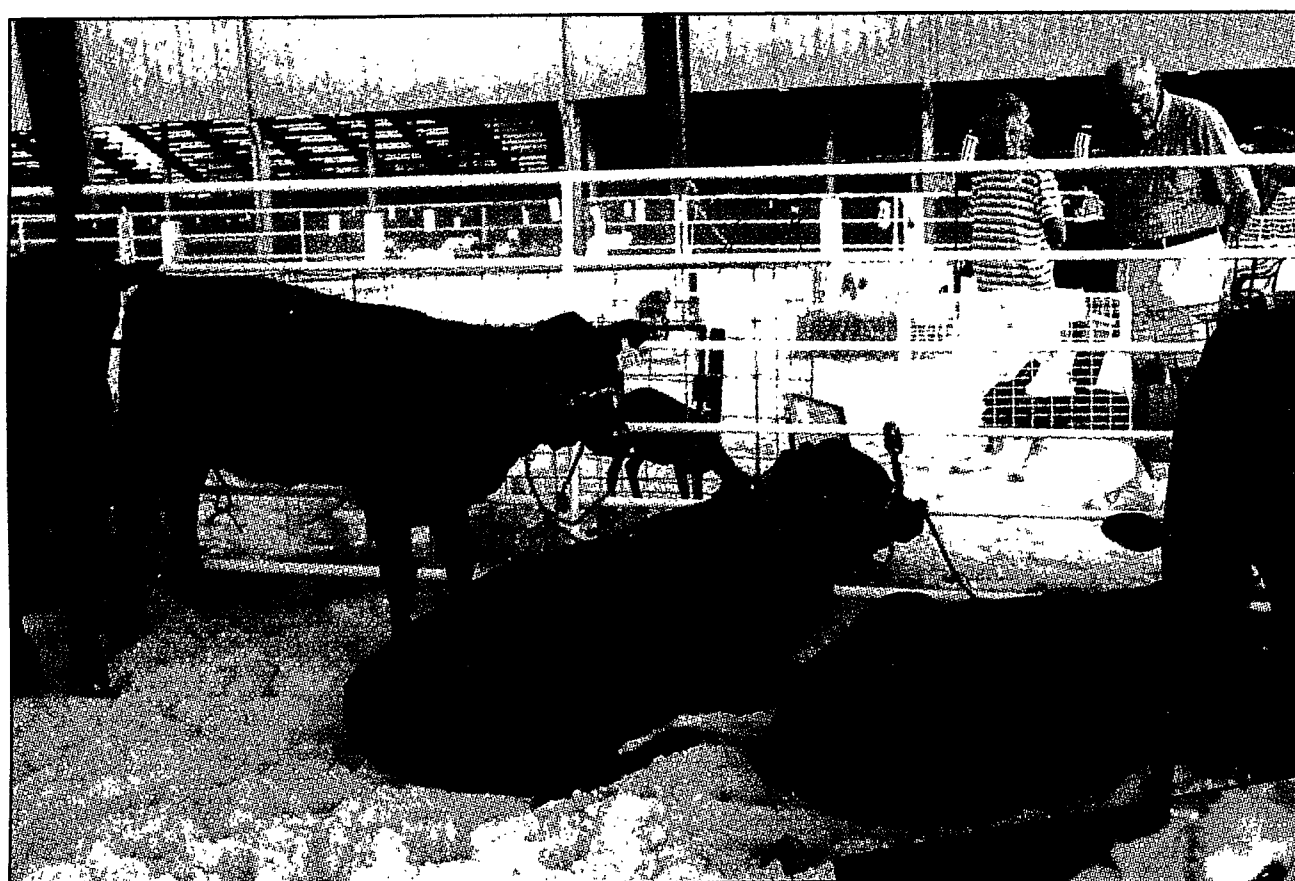
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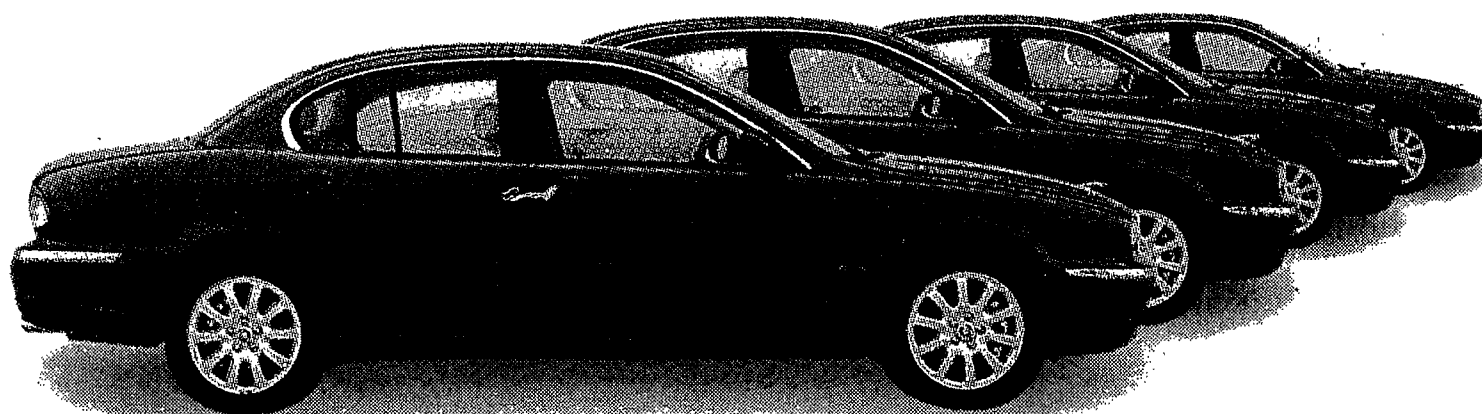
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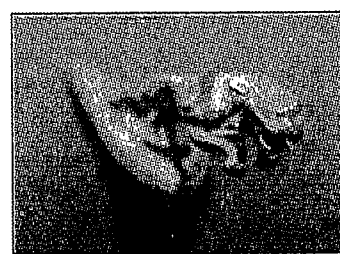
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Mexican feather grass gives new garden look



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Fountain, maiden and muhly grasses are among the most popular ornamental grasses, but watch for the new kid on the block, Mexican feather grass.

The Mexican feather grass, known botanically as *Stipa tenuissima*, will bring an entirely new look to the garden.

Mexican feather grass is native in Texas, Mexico and parts of South America and will get 18 to 24 inches in height. The grass is mounding with needle-like leaves forming bright green clumps.

The silky, hair-like flowers glisten in the light. It has shown cold-hardiness and also is a trooper in the sweltering hot summer. This is an environmentally friendly grass with virtually no pests or diseases.

Blooming grasses add a new dimension in the landscape. Vines add a vertical element, but grasses do something few people think about — they move.

A garden planted with several species of grasses close together performs a dance in the wind that no choreographer could duplicate. Back and forth they move as the wind dictates, slow and gentle, fast and swirling, mesmerizing everyone who is watching.

Grasses like the Mexican feather grass do something else incredible. When placed in the background where backlit from the setting sun or landscape lighting, they glisten like they have a small coat of ice.

And speaking of ice, the frosty kiss of those cold fall mornings makes the ornamental grass the prettiest plant in the landscape.

Select a site in full sun, although they will tolerate light shade. The bed should be fertile and well drained. Amend the soil if needed with 3 to 4 inches of organic matter and till to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. While preparing the soil, incorporate two pounds of a slow release 12-6-6 fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space.

It is more important with ornamental grasses than with almost any other plant to remove competing vegetation before planting.

Many disgruntled gardeners find that aggressive Bermuda grass or vines make themselves at home intermingled in the middle

At your service ...



Alan Jensen, a 20-year-old Millsaps College student from Pass Christian, devotes most of his time to volunteering. Above, Alan works with one of the horses at Gaits to Success, a Hancock County-based therapeutic riding center.



Alan, with a live panda at Wolong Panda Preserve.

Pass student devotes life to volunteerism

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

For someone who is only 20, Alan Jensen leads a very busy life. Jensen, the son of Alan and Vivian Jensen of Pass Christian, says his parents have always encouraged him to be active in the community.

At the end of July, he had completed 900 hours of service in the Millsaps College branch of Campus Link, one of the many national programs under the veil of Americorps, a domestic branch of the international Peace Corps. Campus Link operates at 14 college campuses throughout the state, offering students an opportunity to earn money for college at the same time that they serve their communities.

As well as being a part time volunteer, Jensen also finds the time to



Alan lights some incense at a Buddhist temple in China.

study internationally and has already studied in France, Italy, Sweden and most recently, China. Next summer he hopes to study in Costa Rica.

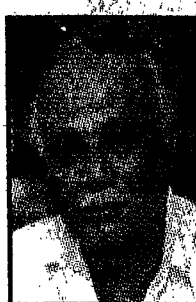
Growing up in the St. Rose after school program, Jensen became involved in the Boys and Girls Club and volunteered time to the humane society. He attended Bay High, St. Stanislaus and the Mississippi School for Math and Science in Columbus, where he graduated. This

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Bunny Bread and the great American sandwich

Earlier this summer I went out on a shrimp boat with some friends, Bob and Duddie. Bob has been a friend of mine for some thirty plus years. He lives in Picayune and we haven't been getting together as much as we used to.

It's hard enough getting over to the Bay to get a cup of coffee at Da Beach House or a meal at Trapani's, heading north on 603 to go all the way to Picayune seems a lot of trouble.



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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It wasn't always so. Years ago when I was into biking, I mentioned to Bob's wife, Sue, that I was going for a ride that weekend and might stop by the house they were building in the country near Picayune. She asked what time should she expect

me. I pulled a number out of the air, "About 10:15, maybe 10:20."

It's a long, long ride on a bike on a hot day from Waveland to Picayune and as I pedaled along, swimming in a suffocating sea of hot, humid air, I slowly realized that Sue had

probably taken me at my word and that I was going to be late if I didn't hustle. I did and managed to get to their house at 10:25.

Sue greeted me with, "Oh, I thought you might have forgotten." We went inside where she had made a wonderfully elaborate tea with some delicious little cakes on a table in their plywood, studs and concrete floor dining room.

Sue is an extraordinary cook and we sat and enjoyed her cakes and tea and talked and after a half hour, I got on my bike and

rode back to Waveland. Sue waved good-bye as I left.

So, on the shrimp boat years later when we had been culling bycatch by hand (a truly miserable job!) for about for about four hours, and Bob said, "let's take a break for lunch," I expected Sue had packed us one of her wonderful meals.

I should say that Sue is a delightful person, however Bob is from Texas. This explains why when I sat opposite Duddie in one

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Wednesday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Chef Salad, Oven Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Crackers, Fruit Crisp
Thursday: Fried Fish, Taco Salad, Seasoned Fries, Steamed Carrots, Coleslaw, Tropical Apple, Fruit Juice,

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Misfits' donation



Misfits Antique Car Club President Mark Dubuisson presented a \$1,400 check to JoAnn Lagasse, executive director of the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program. The money was raised from a car show held July 13 at the Bay Depot. Others in photo are Bob and Pat Guice, Tommy Mauffray, Charles and Cathy Perniciaro, Charlie and Edie Cuevas, Jerry and Dominica Favre, Dave Hall, Dick Seeling, and Jay Lagasse.

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19th annual Arts and Creative Crafts Show at Diamondhead

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The Arts and Creative Crafts Show at Diamondhead will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Diamondhead is located at exit 16 on I-10.

This year's lineup of exhibitors will include many familiar names, crafters who have brought their quality work to the show for several years.

Those returning will feature wood and fabric crafts, quilted items; dried and silk flower arrangements; pottery, ceramics, and porcelain; handmade baskets; stained and etched glass; block printed, tie dyed, hand painted and stenciled clothing for children and adults;

shellcrafts; ribbon crafts; fine arts and tile painting; metal sculpture and plant hangars; handcrafted jewelry; potpourri; custom made birdhouses; leather crafts; wrought iron plant stands; and cypress outdoor furniture and swings.

These is just a sample of the wide variety and selection available.

Diamondhead Community Association Continuing Education, one of the show sponsors, will be holding a raffle with prizes in conjunction with the crafts show. Raffle tickets will be on sale both days, with the drawings on Sunday afternoon. You need not be present to win.

The other sponsor of the show, the Diamondhead

Youth Association, is dedicated to providing recreational activities, equipment and opportunities for the young people of Diamondhead.

Cold drinks, food, and "munchies" will be available at outside concession booths, as well as a variety of food and sandwiches provided by the Diamondhead Country Club.

There will be free shuttle bus transportation provided from the Diamondhead Shopping Center parking lot on both days. The air conditioned bus will deliver you to where the action is, and return at your convenience. For information, contact Brierley Acker at (228) 255-2697 or Linda Wallace at 452-2200.

Praise/Talent Night at Bayside Baptist

Bayside Baptist Church will have its monthly old-fashioned hymn-sing Praise/Talent Night Saturday, August 17, starting at 7 p.m.

There will be congregational singing, and anyone who wishes to play an instrument sing, or read inspirational prose or poetry is invited to participate.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. For information, call Beverly Cohen at (228) 467-0801.

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USMGC changes requirements for Test-Drive-A-Degree program

A year ago, Charlene Pippin took a test drive that helped get her life back on course.

The Gulfport resident had seen her career as a nurse for the Mississippi Department Health end four years earlier when an automobile accident left her with neck and spinal injuries, and limited use of her hands. She knew she had to seek other career options, and the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast helped her take the first step.

Pippin, 44, decided to make it her primary goal to reenter college and finish her bachelor's degree in nursing. So she tried the Test-Drive-A-Degree program at USMGC, took a required statistics course for her major and never looked back.

The program allows a nontraditional student who has been away from school for a while to come back to school and take a free class.

"That first class I took for free gave me the push I needed to go back to school," said Pippin, who will graduate this fall with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

To meet the needs of potential, nontraditional freshmen and sophomores, USMGC has changed the Test-Drive-A-Degree program requirements.

Previously, a requirement of having 54 semester hours of college study was needed to be eligible for USMGC's Test-Drive-A-Degree program. Now, the requirement has been lowered to 27 semester hours.



TEST DRIVER - Charlene Pippin looks at class drawings during a break in a nursing class she was taking at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast this summer. Pippin used the USMGC Test-Drive-A-Degree program to help her get back in the swing of college work after a traffic accident forced her to change careers. She is now on track to graduate with honors this fall. The Test-Drive-A-Degree program allows participants returning to the classroom after at least a three-year layoff by getting one class free of charge. The program is expanding its eligibility requirements to allow freshmen and sophomores to participate. (USM Marketing and Public Relations photo by Steve Rouse)

"We lowered the admission requirements to allow nontraditional freshmen and sophomore students the opportunity to use the program along with upper-level students," said Catherine Sliman, manager of market-

ing and recruitment at USMGC.

"We are the only university on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that offers a reentering student the opportunity to take a class for free, allowing them to return to

college."

For Nichelle Miller-Sumiel, the Test-Drive-A-Degree program was just the push she needed to go back to college after a long time away from the books.

"Test Drive was helpful for me because I had been away from full-time college studies for over 10 years, and wasn't sure about going back to school," said Miller-Sumiel, 33, of Pass Christian, who used the program in 1999 to go back to work on her psychology degree.

"It was nice, because it wasn't at my expense to 'test the waters.' It was at USM Gulf Coast's. I had the desire to go back to school, but I questioned my ability."

But not anymore. After taking the one free class to test her fears, Miller-Sumiel went on to finish her bachelor's degree and is now a family advocacy program assistant at Keesler Medical Center.

Pippin is on course to graduate at the end of the fall semester. A 4.0 student, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor's societies, as well as a member of Who's Who of College Students' list.

Because of the limited use of her hands, she has had to use a voice-activated system on her computer to allow her to take notes.

"Once I got into the program from the initial push, in my classes I was exposed to something I never had the opportunity to learn before - computers," she said. "Now I have purchased my very own laptop computer."

Her ultimate career path was to advance to graduate school and become a college or university nursing instructor.

For more information on the USMGC Test-Drive-A-Degree program, call 1-800-488-0742.

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Plans for 'Light the Night' under way

With The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's first annual Light The Night Walk only months away, the Society's Mississippi Chapter is signing up participants and volunteers in the Gulf Coast area who want to help the fight against cancer.

"The more people who walk, the greater the success of the event," said Tammy Walters, campaign director.

"Now is the time for people to start planning their walks and organizing family, friends and co-workers to join them." The walk will be taking place Oct. 3 on Scenic Drive at War Memorial Park in Pass Christian.

Light The Night is the Society's nationwide evening walk to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer. Participants carry illuminated balloons - white for cancer survivors and red for supporters - brightening the sky along a two-to three-mile walk in their communities.

"The evening provides a moving experience for participants and observers alike," said Dwayne Howell, Society president and CEO. "It's a powerful feeling to be able to fight back - to join

with others and do something concrete to combat cancer."

This year's Light The Night event promises to benefit from a unique cross promotion. The Society has partnered with Utah-based Mrs. Fields Cookies and NBC's #1-rated soap opera, *Days of our Lives*, watched daily by more than 3 million viewers. Mrs. Fields has sponsored a recipe contest called "Winning Is Sweet And So Are The Days of our Lives." The contest winner, to be announced Oct. 5, will receive a walk-on part in the soap opera later this year; the winning cookie will be sold by Mrs. Fields, with a percentage of the proceeds going to the Society.

The Day's of our Lives story line currently includes a character diagnosed with leukemia, and Light The Night Walk will figure in the story line in September.

NBC will also run public service announcements featuring the soap star, recruiting participants for Light The Night events in communities all over the country.

Participants will be able to sign up as part of a walking team named for their favorite Days of our Lives

family: the Hortons, the Bradys or the Wesleys.

Funds raised through individual and corporate Light The Night contributions support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

Individuals and teams of people are welcome. There is no registration fee, but anyone who raises \$25 or more will get to carry one of the Society's illuminated balloons.

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to honor or remember loved ones by placing their names on special dedication banners. In 2001, the Society's Light The Night Walk raised \$10.5 million for research and patient services, \$75,000 of that 10.5 was raised here in Mississippi. Organizers expect to exceed that amount this year.

For additional information or to register, contact the Mississippi Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 601-956-7447 or 877-538-5364. Or visit www.lightthenight.org.

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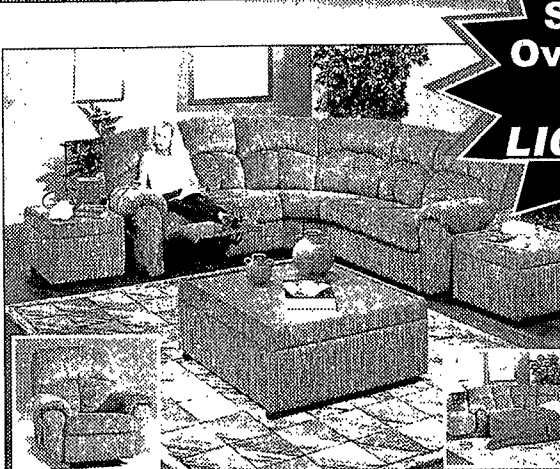
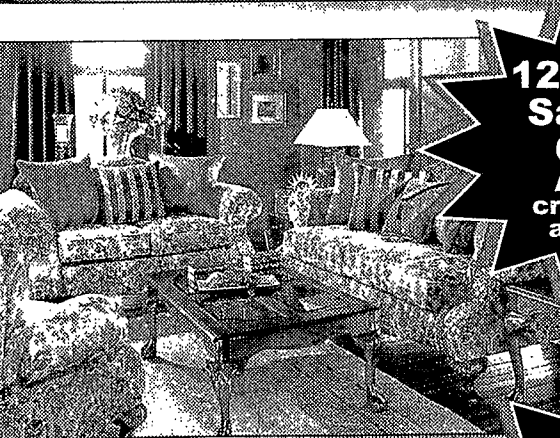
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Sunday, Aug. 25, 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per child and \$50 for each additional child per family.

For information, contact Steve Brettel, BAYS president, at 228-466-2616 or Matt Scardino, BAYS vice president, at www.baysoccer.com.

Weddings and Engagements

Coker-Baldwin

Tisha Eve Baldwin of Bay St. Louis and Jackie Shawn Coker of Leetown were united in marriage May 11, 2002 in an afternoon ceremony at Our Lady of Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis. Father Chris Munich officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Charlene and Greg Guin of Bay St. Louis and Ron and Margie Baldwin of Saucier.

The groom's parents are Jackie Coker of Picayune and Debbie Smith of Poplarville.

Maid of honor was Kara O'Fallon.

Bridemaids included Tina Nacaise, Anna Musgrove and Brandy

Walters.

Miniature bride was Kayla Coker.

Flowergirl was Brianna Breaux, and ringbearer was John Rhode IV.

Best man was George Lear.

Groomsmen and ushers included Tony Sciacca, Josh Rhode, Shawn Autry, John Rhode III, Jeremy Rhode, Ronnie Baldwin and Donnie Baldwin.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted at the home of the couple.

The couple will reside in Waveland.



Tara Lea Wager and Jeffrey Blake Werner

Wager-Werner

Together with their parents, Tara Lea Wager of Covington and Jeffrey Blake Werner of Picayune proudly announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Virginia McLain Wager of Covington and Cyril Wager of Robert, La. and the granddaughter of Hewitt McLain of Madisonville, La. and the late Sue McLain and of Eunice Wager of Madisonville and the late Henry Wager.

She is a 1997 graduate of Covington High School and a 2001 graduate of Louisiana State University. She received a bachelor of science degree in fashion merchandising and a minor in business administration-agriculture.

She was graduated summa cum laude with the highest grade point average in the College of Agriculture. She is currently undecided about return-

ing to school and entering a graduate program or pursuing a job in the workforce.

The prospective groom is the son of Felix Werner and Lorraine Kidd Werner of Picayune and the grandson of Ella Werner of Picayune and the late Anton Werner and the late Ray and Lorraine Kidd, Bay St. Louis.

He is a 1998 graduate of Saint Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis. He is currently employed by Drywall Services Inc. and holds the position as lead guitarist in the Texas Flatt Band.

The marriage will be celebrated October 5, 2002 at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

A reception will follow at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center in Bay St. Louis.

The couple will reside in Picayune.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

CHAPTER 307

TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Wednesday, Aug. 7 at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center with 10 members present.

Paula was the week's best loser with 1 1/2 pounds. She was also top KOPS and received the incentive award.

The chapter's loss for July was 13 pounds; gain, 15 1/4 pounds, and net gain, 2 1/4 pounds.

Best loser was Mabel with 7 1/2 pounds, and runner-up was Margie with 3 pounds.

The loss of the quarter included 48 1/4 pounds; gain, 27 1/2 pounds; net loss 21 pounds.

Best loser for the quarter was Mabel with 25 3/4 pounds, and runner-up was Margie with 8 3/4 pounds.

TOPS best loser for the quarter was Paula, and perfect attendance had Paul and Sherri. Average loss per eight members was 2.6 pounds.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center, 524 St. John Street in Bay St. Louis.

Weigh-ins are 4:30-5 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome. Call Paula at 467-0420.

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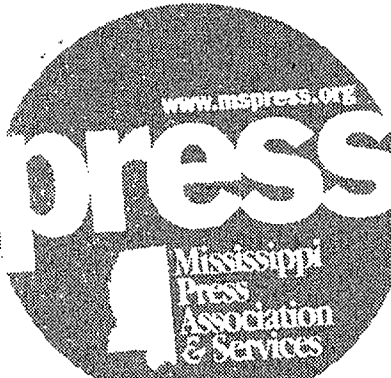
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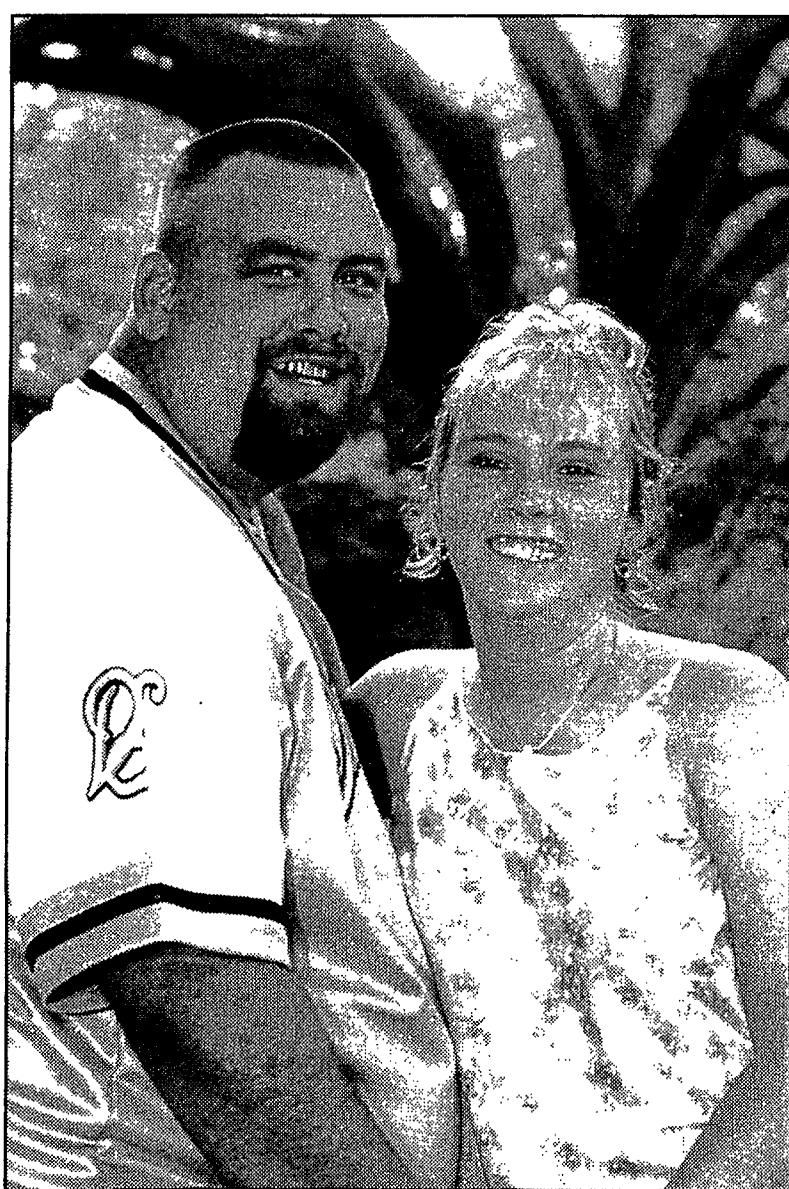
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Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Coker



Jennifer Haskell and James Barr Jr.

Haskell-Barr

Donald and Evon Haskell of Waveland, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Amaline Haskell of Bay St. Louis, to James Patrick (Jimmy) Barr Jr. of Bay St. Louis, son of James (Jimmy) Barr Sr. of Waveland, Mrs. Pam Allen of Slidell and Mrs. Bobby Barr of Waveland.

He is the grandson of the late Eddie and Leor Barr and Willie and Frances Magnon.

The wedding will take place Aug. 24, 2002 in the Hancock County Civic Center, 3068 Longfellow Drive. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Friends and relatives are invited.

'Bid for Life' auction and extravaganza

The 7th annual "Bid for Life" is again this year's major fund-raiser for the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force (SMATF).

"Bid for Life" has become one of the most anticipated events within the Gulf Coast community, and this year hosted by Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi, promises to be the biggest and most spectacular ever.

There will be a live and silent auction of donated art, specialty items, resort stays, services and trips.

The attire for the evening is Gulf Coast casual. Entertainment for the evening is the Ray Zanders Trio.

"Bid for Life" is one of the Gulf Coast's premier art events with over 150 artists donating their work for this worthy cause. In 2001, artists, businesses, and a wide variety of services ranging from spa escapes, dinners to veterinary services and much more comprised over 250 silent auction items. Honorary chair is Bruce Nourse, Beau Rivage.

Event chairs are John "Chappy" and Starr Chapman.

Tickets for the event are \$35 per person and \$60 per couple in advance or \$40 per person and \$70 per couple at the door. They are available through the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force office, Post Office Box 8009, Biloxi, MS 39535; charge to Visa or Master card by phone at 228-385-1214, or at the Beau Rivage the night of "Bid for Life."

Please contact the South MS AIDS Task Force at 228-385-1213.

CMR meets August 20

The Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) will meet Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. in the public meet-

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Views -- love that Bunny bread

of the green plastic lawn chairs in the pilot house, I should not have been surprised when Bob whipped out some Winn-Dixie baloney and a loaf of Bunny Bread and said "Eat up."

I have no idea what Bob expected, but what he got was not it.

I dug two slices out of that wonderful loaf of fluffy white bread put three pieces of baloney carefully on one piece (after roughly peeling the casing off).

I always do a poor job of peeling as this leaves some baloney to be peeled off the casing with your teeth, a sort of lagniappe. Then covering it with the second piece, I bit into the resultant sandwich where the round part meets the straight part. In seconds the sandwich was gone and I was

making a second.

Duddie, sitting with a large brown bag in his lap, gapped at me, "You like baloney sandwiches?" "Born and bred on Bunny Bread and baloney sandwiches."

And with that I started, a little slower, on the second sandwich. I took smaller bites. I was going to relax and enjoy this one.

Bob smiled proudly at me over his baloney sandwich and handed me a Barque.

Duddie shook his head in wonder at the both of us and reached in his lunch sack and pulled out a container of chicken salad. Taking the loaf of Bunny Bread from Bob, he proceeded to heap gobs of chicken salad on his sandwich and taking a Barque from the cooler joined us in lunch. I noticed

that like us, however, he did not slice his sandwich in two.

What I am getting at is that there we were, three completely different people, with widely separate, completely different upbringings.

Duddie was from Biloxi, Bob from Picayune and I from Waveland and yet we were all equally eating sandwiches made from slices of delicious, fluffy white Bunny bread!

I'm sure if Normal Rockwell were alive, he would have immediately set up his easel and canvas and painted an all American picture of the three of us sitting in that old shrimp boat pilot house chomping on our Bunny Bread sandwiches and the following Saturday we would have seen our-

selves gracing the cover of Collier's Magazine.

I'm not just a baloney man; I'm partial to other Bunny Bread sandwiches. As an added treat I have included with this weeks column the secret recipe for one particular sandwich that I dearly love.

It's taken from Stella's cookbook, *Blueberry Peaches, Red Robin Pie*. There are much more elaborate recipes in her book but this is the one she wrote for me.

By the way, Stella will be cooking tomorrow, Monday, on the 4 o'clock show on WLOX. Look for her. She will be making Gazpacho Soup.

PAUL'S FAVORITE TOMATO SANDWICH

1 large garden fresh tomato
Mayonnaise
2 slices fresh fluffy white Bunny bread
Salt
Coarsely ground black pepper

Slice tomato in 1/4" slices. Spread mayonnaise on two slices of loaf bread and place slices of tomato on one slice. Season with salt and ground pepper. Top with the other slice of Bunny bread and cut sandwich in two. Makes one serving.

This is a wonderful way to use those just-reached-peak-of-ripeness-tomatoes from your garden or the farmers' market. When the tomatoes start to get ripe, this sandwich to Paul is like catnip to our black tom, Holly.

Note that coarse ground black pepper rather than finely ground black pepper provides a stronger flavor that substantially adds to the sandwich.

Many bad things have been said about American regular loaf white bread. In many cases it is true that crispy French or Italian bread is better tasting than regular loaf bread.

However, this is Paul's sandwich and he insists that the tenderness inherent in regular loaf of white bread is essential to this sandwich, that the bread allows the rich flavor of the ripe tomato to come into its own resulting in a rich superior tasting sandwich.

I've tried his sandwich and I've found, that strange as it may seem, what he says is true.

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Jensen -- at your service

past year at Millsaps, where he is studying pre-med and math, Jensen became involved in Campus Link.

During the school year he devoted his time to organizing and participating in programs such as Mississippi Reads, a program to encourage reading among elementary school students; Save Lids to Save Lives, a program to raise money for breast cancer research, a program to link nursing home residents with foster grandchildren and the Midtown Project, a volunteer effort to distribute food to the needy in the Jackson area.

This summer he returned home to the coast and finished his service time working with Gaits to Success, Hope Haven, and Earth Events. Work was not always glamorous. At Gaits fed the horses every morning and night and at Hope Haven he cleaned, painted and functioned as a general handyman.

"I enjoyed the most being able to constantly meet new people and people who were doing great things in the community, people helping people," Jensen said.

In June, Jensen was picked to be one of the lucky students to travel to China, a trip sponsored by the National Youth Leadership Forum. The mission of the nonprofit group is to bring various professions to life, empowering young people to make informed career decisions. Jensen's trip, with a group of students from all across the country, focused on the medical profession.

The group visited three cities and one village, though Jensen said it was

more like a small city. They were closely guided through their activities, he said, stayed at hotels and ate what we would consider typical Chinese food. As well as hospitals, the group visited a school, a Buddhist Temple, Wolong Panda Preserve, the Great Wall and other tourist destinations.

Lectures, demonstrations and tours of area hospitals compared the western approach to medicine with

the more traditional eastern approach, Jensen said. Many hospitals in the large cities practiced a combination of the two, combining western treatments with the eastern approach using traditional methods such as acupuncture, cupping, herbs and moxibustion, he said. Students were given the opportunity to try the traditional treatments.

Two aspects of Chinese culture impressed themselves upon him the most,

Jensen said. One was the sense of harmony among the people and the other was the lack of personal freedom that we all take for granted.

"It was a different style of living," said Jensen. "Even in Shanghai, a city of 12 million people, others seemed to just move over and accommodate one another. If a bus decided to turn around on a one way street and go the other way, everyone just moved over

and got out of the way and went about their business. There was kind of an adjustment. If one person moved this way, then others moved to accommodate him, there was a great sense of working together."

An aspect that Jensen found less appealing was a seeming lack of personal choice.

"Once a person decides on a career there, that is what they do," he said. "They cannot change their minds and

decide to be something else. Though professions are not exactly chosen for people, they are encouraged to go into professions that they have an aptitude for."

A law to go into effect in 2007 will actually make it possible for a person to change his profession, he said.

Jensen said he used the money earned this past year in Campus Link to help finance the study trip to China.

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Belsom is JCJC graduate

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The toughest Commandment

"He loved to make sure everything was okay. He loved the night shift and the 5th District. The family teased him for gaining weight because people in the community would feed him."



by Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD

Dorothy Tardy was fighting through her tears in reminiscing about the most striking features of her son's professional life as a policeman.

Only 35 years old, Christopher Russell had made an indelible mark on his parents, his wife Bonnie, their 13-month-old daughter and his community.

All this promise came to a screeching halt on August 4 when Russell was shot fatally in the head as he and his driver, police rookie Mary Colon, pulled up to stop a robbery in progress. The ultimate irony and insult was that the thug who fired the fatal bullet was out early on good time.

"I am the resurrection and the life," Dorothy Tardy continued, pointing back to the inscription above a painting of the risen Christ over the altar in the First English Lutheran Church. "The portrait in back of me says it all. I know where my son is. He's safe. He's safe."

Oddly, very superficially, the newspaper ceased quoting Dorothy Tardy, leaving out the piece de resistance which is really the most powerful part of the story. Her most poignant, most gripping words paraphrased the Man who forgave the whole world as he was hanging from the tree on Good Friday.

"I forgive them for my son's murder. I have no feelings of revenge or hatred against them or against anyone else. I just want Christopher's death to be a means for the police, for the criminals and for all to learn to be better."

Dorothy Tardy is succeeding where most people falter badly or fail outright. The ancient philosopher's dictum cannot be repeated too often: "To err is human; to forgive, divine." Complete, unconditional forgiveness is the single most difficult thing we human beings must do.

Yet, never satisfied with minimal love, Jesus ratcheted up our degree of love and commitment. He goes the ultimate step, raising forgiveness to the level where only God could be imagined to go, as Paul reminds us pointedly:

"While we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son" (Romans 5:10).

"Love your enemies," Jesus warns us, "do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:27-28).

This would change everything in al-Qaeda and around the world.

In plain English, that means loving, forgiving those who give us the most cause for hating them,

because they wish us every evil, they speak every evil of us, and they would like nothing better than to do us the worst evil, even kill us. There is no human feat even close to forgiveness in sheer difficulty.

Beginning with the Blessed Virgin Mary, every mother bereaved of her innocent son through heartless murder has to undergo the same ordeal Dorothy Tardy is now experiencing. Dorothy is definitely on the same page and the same line as Mary, the mother of Jesus. This requires a superhuman faith and superhuman courage which, unfortunately, is rarely seen.

Murder is perhaps the most difficult circumstance of forgiveness for most people, although some might debate that. For many, unlike a murder victim who can no longer be violated or abused, the worst circumstance is the living death of abuse survivors joining the walking dead in shame and pain.

If you have not yet guessed it, I refer to the traumatized and the thoroughly used, such as victims of crazed pedophiles or other sexual abusers. For many of them, death would have been a merciful option, sparing them the shame, the disgrace, the raw pain, the loss of dignity, and burdensome stigmas.

One can understand in human terms how such physically and sexually abused people might readily feel like hating, rejecting or at least ignoring the very existence of users and abusers who have no respect for the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of others.

Again, in human terms, such social monsters seem undeserving of forgiveness, so that it almost appears to be asking too much of their victims to forgive them. But that is exactly what Jesus demands of us, whether we are victims of everyday evil or of the far greater evil of abuse, even murder.

I personally know a couple of sexual abuse victims about 40 years old, who were savaged by a close, trusted family friend when they were children, and who are still being tossed about in a boiling cauldron of anguish, repugnant, shameful and painful memories.

Still, they are leading fairly normal family lives, one married with a couple of children. Their strength is their overriding faith to survive, to forgive, to be healed and to help heal everyone around them, also healing by writing.

All of us need to follow their inspiring lead, pursuing the way of the Master toward forgiveness and healing, bucking our every inclination to hate, resent and get even with those who mistreat us in any way.

The "Word" for the Week The fruits of humility

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In some areas we learn from history. But when it comes to moral issues, we have a big blind spot. We seem to think that people are different today.

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Crime, hatred, murder, sex, and war! These are the problems of today. They are the problems of a century ago and of two thousand years ago. And the reason the basic problems are the same is that people are the same.

And so we had better pay attention to the answers given almost two thousand years ago. Listen to what Jesus said, "From within, out of the heart of men proceed the evil thoughts and fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness" (Mark 7:21 & 22).

Yes, the real problem is our heart. All sinful behavior comes out of our hearts. And so the solution is radical heart surgery. Men and women must be changed on the inside.

They must be given new hearts. This is the answer to the great problems of society. And so God says: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

And I will put my spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26 & 27). Here is the answer to human sin: new hearts given by God which desire to follow him; and the gift of God's Holy Spirit giving the power to follow God!

How about you? Do you need a change of heart? Do you need new power to follow God? Then you need to talk to God about it!

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West Nile cases on the rise; 22 human cases in MS so far

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Mississippi State Department of Health identified 14 new human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) recently, increasing the total to 22 confirmed or probable human cases so far this year.

State Health Officer Dr. Ed Thompson said the 22

cases come from 11 different counties: Forrest, Hancock, Hinds (10 cases), Jackson, Lincoln, Pearl River, Pike (two), Rankin (two), Scott, Tallahatchie, and Yazoo. The first reported human case came July 12 in Hinds County.

"Mississippi will report more human cases," the

state health officer predicted. "The number of cases will reflect how well people protect themselves - with staying indoors, wearing proper clothing, and using repellent as well as reducing the mosquito sources - and how well communities protect their citizens with effective mosquito control programs."

The August 2 WNV update includes three more "pools" of mosquitoes in Coahoma, Hinds, and Washington counties; additional infected horses from Bolivar, Lamar, Leflore, Pike, Washington, and Yazoo counties; and more dead birds positive for WNV from Adams and Hinds counties. Totals to date include four mosquito "pools," 25 positive dead birds, and 15 infected horses.

Dr. Thompson said the Health Department needs people to continue to call in dead bird reports statewide but needs no more birds for testing from Bolivar, Coahoma, Hinds, Lincoln, Pike, Rankin, and Washington counties.

People in other counties should continue to submit blue jays and crows for testing and to report all species of dead birds. Dead bird reports and submissions enable the public health agency to track WNV.

Additionally, the Department and the

Mississippi Mosquito Control Association sponsored the first of at least three workshops for elected city, county, and state officials to refresh their knowledge of best mosquito control practices. About 100 people took part in the Jackson workshop.

In opening comments, the state health officer again urged all Mississippians to avoid mosquito bites whenever possible. Dr. Thompson said the risk of a healthy person getting WNV from a mosquito bite is "very low," but all people still should protect themselves. People older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

People should use mosquito repellent with DEET (10 to 35 percent for adults and lower concentrations of 10 percent or less for children), wear long-sleeved, long-legged clothing whenever outdoors; and stay inside as much as possible at dawn and dusk, he said.

People and horses get WNV virus only through the bite of an infected mosquito. Contact with an infected bird, horse, or human does not result in infection.

Most WN encephalitis infections are without symptoms. Sometimes, a person will have fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with skin rash and swollen lymph glands.

Rarely, severe infection

might be marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis.

The incubation period in humans is usually three to 15 days. Supportive therapy often involves hospitalization, intravenous fluids, airway management, and prevention of secondary infections.

Anyone who received mosquito bites and thinks symptoms might be WN virus should contact his or her private physician.

The Mississippi State Department of Health remains on the lookout for WN virus and other arboviruses that mosquitoes can transmit to humans, including St. Louis encephalitis (SLE), LaCrosse encephalitis (LAC), and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE).

The Department regularly tests mosquitoes, live and dead birds, humans, and horses.

The State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Board of Animal Health, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, USDA, and Public Health Laboratory cooperate in the statewide surveillance system. The Public Health Lab has performed over 80 tests for human WN virus.

WN virus has emerged in temperate regions of Europe

and North America, presenting a threat to public and animal health. The most serious manifestation of WN virus infection is fatal encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in humans and horses, as well as mortality in certain domestic and wild birds. This occurs in less than one percent of all persons infected with WN virus.

Arboviral encephalitis can be prevented.

Personal protection measures include reducing time outdoors, particularly in early evening hours, wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts, and applying mosquito repellent to exposed skin areas.

Measures to reduce the mosquito population include elimination of larval habitats or spraying of insecticides to kill juvenile (larvae) and adult mosquitoes.

Instructions for submitting birds, and more information on WN virus can be obtained from the MSDH website at

www.msddh.state.ms.us/epi or by calling the local health department or Health Info at 1-800-489-7670 during weekday work hours.

For questions about horses, readers should call Dr. Jim Watson, the state veterinarian at 1-888-646-8731 or visit the website for the Board of Animal Health at http://www.mbah.state.ms.us.

Garden

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of the ornamental grass clump. Apply a non-selective herbicide or remove with a hoe. It may take a second herbicide application. Plant at the same depth they are growing in the container with the crown slightly above the soil profile. Space plants 12 to 18 inches apart. Apply a good layer of mulch after planting.

Cut back the grass in February before any new growth has begun. Trim back from ground level up to 12 inches, depending on the grass.

After you cut back, side-dress with an application of the 12-6-6-fertilizer, then again in midsummer. Keeping the bed well mulched and watered during the summer pays off with a healthier looking plant.

The Mexican feather grass is striking planted alone or in large masses or

drifts. The blooms are almost indescribable when backlit by the setting sun or landscape lighting, so take advantage of this if possible.

Use with other ornamental grasses like muhly, purple fountain or Karl Foerster feather reed grass. They are quite at home in the perennial garden with the black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower and salvia.

Mexican feather grass is the leading common name, but if you see Texas needle grass, it should be the same. Regardless of the name, I know you will love it.

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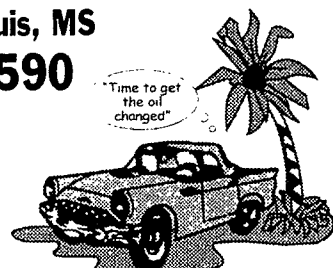
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